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Nick Watney poses with the trophy after winning during the Cadillac Championship golf tournament in Doral, Fla. Sunday, March 13, 2011. Watney won with a 16-under total of 272.

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## Death toll in Japan surges, 10K dead

By JAY ALABASTER

Associated Press

SENDAI, Japan — The estimated death toll from Japan's disasters climbed past 10,000 Sunday as authorities raced to combat the threat of multiple nuclear reactor meltdowns and hundreds of thousands of people struggled to find food and water. The prime minister said it was the nation's worst crisis since World War II.

Nuclear plant operators worked frantically to try to keep temperatures down in several reactors crippled by the earthquake and tsunami, wrecking at least two by dumping sea water into them in last-ditch efforts to avoid meltdowns.

Officials warned of a second explosion but said it would not pose a health threat.

Near-freezing temperatures compounded the misery of survivors along hundreds of miles of the northeastern coast battered by the tsunami that smashed inland with breathtaking fury.

Rescuers pulled bodies from mud-covered

jumbles of wrecked houses, shattered tree trunks, twisted cars and tangled power lines while survivors examined the ruined remains. One rare bit of good news was the rescue of a 60-year-old man swept away by the tsunami who clung to the roof of his house for two days until a military vessel spotted him waving a red cloth about 10 miles offshore.

The death toll surged because of a report from Miyagi, one of the three hardest hit states.

The police chief told disaster relief officials more than 10,000 people were killed, police spokesman Go Sugawara told The Associated Press. That was an estimate only 400 people have been confirmed dead in Miyagi, which has a population of 2.3 million.

According to officials, more than 1,400 people were confirmed dead including 200 people whose bodies were found Sunday along the coast and more than 1,000 were missing in Friday's disasters. Another 1,700 were injured.

**Japan fights Nuclear meltdown after earthquake**



Nuclear Crisis

By Taiga Uranaka  
Associated Press

FUKUSHIMA, Japan — Japan struggled to avert a nuclear disaster and care for millions of people without power or water, three days after an earthquake and tsunami killed an estimated 10,000 people or more in the nation's darkest hour since World War Two. The world's third-largest economy opens for business later a badly wounded nation that has seen whole villages and towns wiped off the map by a wall of water, leaving in its wake an international humanitarian effort of epic proportion.

A grim-faced Prime Minister Naoto Kan described the crisis at Japan's worst since 1945, as officials confirmed that three nuclear reactors were at risk of overheating, raising fears of an uncontrolled radiation leak.

"The earthquake, tsunami and the nuclear incident have been the biggest crisis Japan has encountered in the 65 years since the end of World War II," Kan told a news conference.

"We're under scrutiny on whether we, the Japanese people, can overcome this crisis." As he spoke, officials worked desperately to stop fuel rods in the damaged reactors from overheating.

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For Japan, one of the world's leading economies with ultramodern infrastructure, the disasters plunged ordinary life into nearly unimaginable deprivation.

Hundreds of thousands of hungry survivors huddled in darkened emergency centers that were cut off from rescuers, aid and electricity. At least 1.4 million households had gone without water since the quake struck and some 1.9 million households were without electricity.

While the government doubled the number of soldiers deployed in the aid effort to 100,000 and sent 120,000 blankets, 120,000 bottles of water and 29,000 gallons (110,000 liters) of gasoline plus food to the affected areas, Prime Minister Naoto Kan said electricity would take days to restore. In the meantime, he said, electricity would be rationed with rolling blackouts to several cities, including Tokyo.

"This is Japan's most severe crisis since the war ended 65 years ago," Kan told reporters, adding that Japan's future would be decided by its response.

In Rikuzentakata, a port city of over 20,000 virtually wiped out by the tsunami, Etsuko Koyama escaped the water rushing through the third floor of her home but lost her grip on her daughter's hand and has not found her.

"I haven't given up hope yet," Koyama told public broadcaster NHK, wiping tears from her eyes.

"I saved myself, but I couldn't save my daughter."

A young man described what ran through his mind before he escaped in a separate rescue. "I thought to myself, ah, this is how I will die," Tatsuro Ishikawa, his face bruised and cut, told NHK as he sat in striped hospital pajamas.

Japanese officials raised their estimate Sunday of the quake's magnitude to 9.0, a notch above the U.S. Geological Survey's reading of 8.9. □

**NUCLEAR MELTDOWN****Continued from Front Page**

If they fail, the containers that house the core could melt, or even explode, releasing radioactive material into the atmosphere. The most urgent crisis centers on the Fukushima Daiichi complex, where all three reactors are threatening to overheat, and where authorities say they have been forced to release radioactive steam into the air to relieve reactor pressure.

The complex, 240 km north of Tokyo, was rocked by an explosion on Saturday, which blew the roof off a reactor building. The government did not rule out further blasts there but said this would not necessarily damage the reactor vessels.

Authorities have poured sea water in all three of the complex's reactor to cool them down.

The complex, run by Tokyo Electric Power Co, is the biggest nuclear concern but not the only one the U.N. nuclear watchdog said Japanese authorities had notified it of an emergency at another plant further north, at Onagawa.

But Japan's nuclear safety agency denied problems at the Onagawa plant, run by Tohoku Electric Power Co, noting that radioactive releases from the Fukushima Daiichi complex had been detected at Onagawa, but that these were within safe levels at a tiny fraction of the radiation received in an x-ray.

Shortly later, a cooling-system problem was reported at another nuclear plant closer to Tokyo, in Ibaraki prefecture.

Fukushima's No. 1 reactor, where the roof was ripped off, is 40 years old and was originally set to go out of commission in February but had its operating license extended by 10 years.

Prime Minister Kan said the crisis was not another Chernobyl, referring to the nuclear disaster of 1986 in Soviet Ukraine.

"Radiation has been released in the air, but there are no reports that a large amount was released," Jiji news agency quoted him as saying. □



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# Lost city of Atlantis, swamped by tsunami, may be found

By Zach Howard

Associated Press

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. —

A U.S.-led research team may have finally located the lost city of Atlantis, the legendary metropolis believed swamped by a tsunami thousands of years ago in mud flats in southern Spain.

"This is the power of tsunamis," head researcher Richard Freund told AP.

"It is just so hard to understand that it can wipe out 60 miles inland, and that's pretty much what we're talking about," said Freund, a University of Hartford, Connecticut, professor who lead an international team searching for the true site of Atlantis. To solve the age-old mystery, the team used a satellite photo of a suspected submerged city to find the site just north of Cadiz, Spain. There, buried in the vast marshlands of the Dona Ana Park, they believe that they pinpointed the ancient,



Atlantis

multi-ringed dominion known as Atlantis.

The team of archeologists and geologists in 2009 and 2010 used a combination of deep-ground radar, digital mapping, and underwater technology to survey the site.

Freund's discovery in central Spain of a strange series of "memorial cities," built in Atlantis' image by its refugees after the city's likely de-

struction by a tsunami, gave researchers added proof and confidence, he said.

Atlantis residents who did not perish in the tsunami fled inland and built new cities there, he added.

The team's findings will be unveiled on Sunday in "Finding Atlantis," a new National Geographic Channel special. While it is hard to know with certainty that the site in Spain

in Atlantis, Freund said the "twist" of finding the memorial cities makes him confident Atlantis was buried in the mud flats on Spain's southern coast. "We found something that no one else has ever seen before, which gives it a layer of credibility, especially for archeology, that makes a lot more sense," Freund said.

Greek philosopher Plato wrote about Atlantis some 2,600 years ago, describing it as "an island situated in front of the straits which are by you called the Pillars of Hercules," as the Straits of Gibraltar were known in antiquity. Using Plato's detailed account of Atlantis as a map, searches have focused on the Mediterranean and Atlantic as the best possible sites for the city.

Tsunamis in the region have been documented for centuries, Freund says. One of the largest was a reported 10-story tidal wave that slammed Lisbon in November, 1755. Debate about whether Atlantis truly existed has lasted for thousands of years. Plato's "dialogues" from around 360 B.C. are the only known historical sources of information about the iconic city. Plato said the island he called Atlantis "in a single day and night disappeared into the depths of the sea." Experts plan further excavations are planned at the site where they believe Atlantis is located and at the mysterious "cities" in central Spain 150 miles away to more closely study geological formations and to date artifacts. □

## In California

### Toxin found in sardines clogging US marina

LOS ANGELES — The millions of sardines that were found floating dead in a Southern California marina this week tested positive for a powerful neurotoxin, researchers said Friday.

High levels of domoic acid were found in the sardines, which may have distressed them off the Los Angeles coastline and caused them to swim into the Redondo Beach marina, University of Southern California biologist David Caron wrote in a summary of his laboratory's findings which were reported by the Los Angeles Times.

Caron said that he still believes that critically low oxygen levels in the water caused the sardines to suffocate, but it's possible the toxin may have been one explanation for why they crowded into the marina.

The California Department of Fish and Game has blamed the die-off on oxygen deprivation and is also testing fish for toxins at its animal forensics laboratory. Results are not expected until next week.



Millions of fish found dead in Calif. Marina

Domoic acid is often found in the stomach of fish that have been feeding on plankton during toxic algae blooms.

The toxin has been linked to neurological disorders, illnesses and deaths in seabirds, sea lions, sea otters and whales.

Caron's lab is working to determine if the poisoning was caused by a toxic algae bloom spotted off Redondo Beach on Wednesday.

The presence of the toxin in the sardines could lead to health complications for peli-

cans, gulls and other sea life that have been feasting on the dead fish.

"There were tons of birds feeding on these fish and it's conceivable that we'll see some bird mortality as a result," Caron said.

The fish died late and carpeted the water's surface the next morning, stacking up to 2 feet deep in some places. Crews have already scooped and hauled away more than 85 tons of fish to a composting center where they will turn into fertilizer. □

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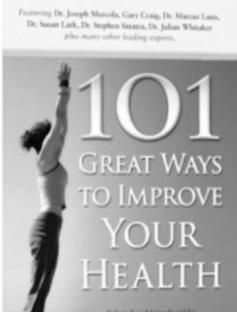
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## Jewish prayer ritual alarms Alaska crew

LOS ANGELES – An orthodox Jewish prayer observance by three passengers aboard an Alaska Airlines flight on Sunday alarmed flight attendants unfamiliar with the ritual, prompting them to lock down the cockpit and issue security alert, officials said.

Alaska Flight 241 from Mexico City to Los Angeles International Airport landed safely at LAX and was met by fire crews, foam trucks, FBI agents, Transportation Security Administration personnel and police dispatched as a precaution.

The three men, all Mexican nationals, were escorted off the plane by police and questioned by the FBI before being released to make connecting flights to other countries, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said. No charges were filed, she said.

The three passengers had startled members of the cabin crew with what was interpreted as suspicious behavior shortly after takeoff, airline spokeswoman Bobbie Egan said.

"The three passengers were praying aloud in Hebrew and were wearing what appeared to be leather straps on their foreheads and arms," she said. "This appeared to be a security threat, and the pilots locked down the flight deck and followed standard security procedures."

It turned out the passengers were engaged in the wearing of tefillin small, black prayer boxes containing scripture that devout Jews bind to their foreheads and arms with black leather straps in a daily ritual accompanied by special prayers.

Asked about the authorities' reaction to the alert, Eimiller said: "We're obligated, of course, to respond when the flight calls us to clear up concerns." □

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## Man swept to sea in Calif. sought new beginning

By JEFF BARNARD  
Associated Press

KLAMATH, Calif. – Leaving his teenage drug abuse behind in Oregon, Dustin Weber was seeking a new beginning along California's rugged far northern coast, happy to be in the land of his mother's heritage, the Yurok Tribe.

Yet before Weber could get a proper start, the 25-year-old was swept out to sea at the mouth of the Klamath River by a tsunami surge generated thousands of miles away by the earthquake off Japan's coast. Rescuers were unable to reach him Friday and called off their efforts; he is presumed dead, though his body has not been found.

His would be the first death of a person on the West Coast by a tsunami since 1964, when 11 people in nearby Crescent City died from the surge created by an earthquake in Alaska. "His life was always challenged with drug issues and being Indian," said his mother, Lori Davis, of Bend, Ore., after searching miles of beach with family members and friends for her son's body.



Dustin Weber

"One of the things we fight most is drugs and alcohol. He's been clean and sober for a long time. I just feel like, you know, finally he was so happy.

He has never been this happy in a long time," she said. "There have been so many times he was so close to death from other issues in his life. You know, it just doesn't make sense to me."

Dustin was born in Bend, and his parents separated when he was 5. He lived with his father, who works for a grocery chain. His mother remarried, then divorced again.

Blaise Butcher and Shawn

Wilcox were friends with Dustin since they were little kids, building forts, fishing, snowboarding, and riding dirt bikes. "He liked music, sports cars, motorcycles, car shows," said Butcher. "He liked everything from hip hop and rap to a little bit of classical music." Bend was hit hard by the Great Recession. Home to a ski resort, dozens of golf courses, fly fishing in the Deschutes River and spectacular views of the snowcapped Cascade Range, it grew from a little timber town to a four-season resort area when people had money to buy second homes. □

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*In North Dakota*

# More than 800 motorists rescued after storm

**CHICAGO** – More than 800 motorists had to be rescued after a fast-moving blizzard stranded hundreds of vehicles on North Dakota roads, officials said on Saturday.

"A lot of people unfortunately got caught in the storm," said Major General David Sprynczynatyk of the North Dakota National Guard. "We went from great visibility to near-zero visibility."

The storm hit Friday afternoon. Emergency workers from the state's highway pa-

tro, transportation department, the National Guard and other services conducted an all-night search-and-rescue operation, using trucks and snowplows to rescue more than 800 people from about 500 cars, Sprynczynatyk said. Some waited 10-12 hours on highways before being taken to churches, schools, community centers and hotels nearby. The temperatures were above zero during the night which reduced the danger of frostbite. Motorists were advised

to stay in their cars and not wander off.

Sprynczynatyk said there was not much snow about 4 to 6 inches but winds of 60 miles per hour caused white-out conditions.

No serious injuries were reported although there were some minor injuries as a result of crashes. Small planes were sent out at daybreak to check for anyone who might be stranded on secondary roads, Sprynczynatyk said.

The travelers remain stranded



**Major General David Sprynczynatyk**

Saturday afternoon at shelters in the area, as authorities worked to plow roads and

tow away stranded vehicles. A portion of Interstate 94 and U.S. 83 remain closed. □

*In NY bus crash*

# Police, NTSB probe hit-and-run

**NEW YORK** – Police are investigating a bus driver's hit-and-run claim after a horrific bus crash that killed 14 passengers and injured 18 others, officials said on Sunday.

State police said the driver, Ophadel E. Williams, 41, of Brooklyn, told authorities he was clipped by a tractor trailer before his bus swerved on Interstate 95 in New York City and toppled onto a support pole for a highway sign.

The pole sliced the bus in half along the windows, peeling off the vehicle's rooftop.

The bus was transporting passengers from the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut to New York's Chinatown. None of the 32 people on board escaped death or injury in the crash, which occurred about 5:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. The speed limit posted in that area is 55 mph and State Police Maj. Michael Kopy said: "We have a number of reports saying the driver was



Interstate 95, New York

operating southbound at a high speed."

There has been no confirmation yet that the bus was hit by another vehicle that drove off, Kopy said, but he added that the investigation is proceeding.

"It appears the operator lost control of the vehicle for what is at yet an undetermined reason," Kopy said. "Right now we're conducting, at this point, a criminal investigation."

State police have questioned Williams and a truck driver

believed to be near the bus when the crash happened, he said. Kopy said police have seized both drivers' vehicles and will analyze them to see if contact was in fact made.

The National Transportation Safety Board is also investigating the crash.

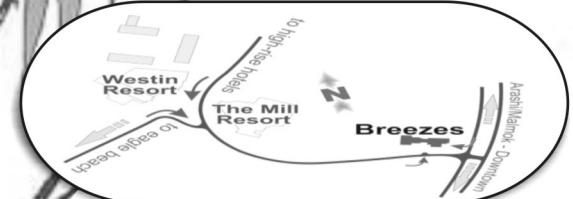
Surveillance video from inside the bus is also in police possession and will be reviewed during the investigation, Kopy said. He said it is "premature" to accuse any driver of wrongdoing in the crash pending the investigation. □

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## In Wisconsin

**100,000 protest law curbing unions**

By James B. Kelleher  
Associated Press

MADISON, Wisconsin — Up to 100,000 people protested at the Wisconsin state Capitol on Saturday against a new law curbing the union rights of public workers that is seen as one of the biggest challenges in decades facing U.S. organized labor.

Madison police spokesman Joel DeSpain estimated the crowd at 85,000 to 100,000 people, which would top the size of protests in Madison during the Vietnam War.

The demonstration, capping three weeks of public protests, came a day after Republican Governor Scott Walker signed into law a bill to eliminate most bargaining rights



Thousands protest anti-union

for many state government workers.

The state Legislature passed the measure this week after Republicans in the state Senate bypassed a Democratic

boycott of the chamber. The battle in Wisconsin has ignited a national struggle over efforts by several budget-strapped state governments to rein in union power. □

## Riders say

**NYC bus crash driver swerved**

New York police control situation

By TOM HAYS  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Passengers and witnesses to a horrific New York City crash that sheared the top off a bus and killed 14 people told investigators that the driver's account of getting clipped by a tractor-trailer didn't match up to what they felt and saw before the vehicle slid off the

road and into a sign pole. Driver Ophadell Williams had told police that his World Wide Tours bus was hit just as it crossed the New York City line early Saturday on a trip from the Mohegan Sun casino in Connecticut. But passengers said Williams had already swerved at times to the right for no reason before the accident, a

law-enforcement official said Sunday. The official wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the probe and spoke on condition of anonymity. □

## At Raytheon near L.A.

**Pilot survives helicopter crash**

LOS ANGELES — A helicopter crashed on Sunday while lifting equipment from the top of a low-rise office and laboratory building at Raytheon Co.'s aerospace development complex near Los Angeles, but the pilot survived.

The cause of the crash, which occurred about 9:30 a.m. local time in the coastal city of El Segundo, about a mile south of Los Angeles International Airport, was not immediately known, but the mishap was not considered suspicious, El Segundo fire chief Kevin Smith said.

## In New Jersey

**Floodwaters crest, 2,000 evacuated**

Flooding in Fair Lawn, N.J.

NEW YORK — Major flooding continued

along the Passaic River in northern New Jersey on Sunday after the river crested at Little Falls nearly 5 feet above flood stage late on Saturday, meteorologists said.

About 2,000 homes have been evacuated as recent rains and snowmelt pushed swollen rivers above flood stage. Some residents were taken to temporary shelters and power

remained out to flooded areas on Sunday, said Mary Goepfert, spokeswoman for the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management.

State, county and federal emergency management officials flew over the flooded areas to assess the damage Sunday. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie convened a conference call with senior state officials to discuss the flooding, Goepfert said. □



El Segundo Fire Chief Kevin

Smith said employees of the helicopter company who were working on the ground as

"spotters" during the cargo-lift operation managed to pull the pilot to safety from the burning wreckage before the aircraft completely burst into flames.

The pilot, who was the only person aboard the helicopter, was taken to an area hospital with "moderate injuries," Smith said. The helicopter also hit the two-story building on the way down, setting the building itself on fire. □

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*To be held in the morning of March 18, 2011*

## Governor of Aruba supports National Bird Count



**ORANJESTAD** - On Sunday March 13th, the Governor of Aruba, Mr. Fredis Refunjol, invited the president of Aruba Birdlife Conservation, Greg Peterson, to his residence in

order to receive his form for the national bird count. The Governor, a nature lover, is very pleased about Aruba's first national bird count and appreciates the fact that it



**ARUBA BIRDLIFE CONSERVATION**



Pictured is the moment Governor Fredis Refunjol receives his bird count form from the president of Aruba Birdlife Conservation.



will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, Aruba's National Day. The Governor was elated about the large number of schools in Aruba that are participating in this event. Aruba's nature in general and our birds in particular are an important

part of our culture and therefore the more school children participate, the better. Aruba's bird populations are under pressure from the invasive Boa constrictor and our birds should be monitored on a yearly basis.

Besides the collection of very important data the national bird count also contributes to increasing awareness of the beauty of nature on Aruba. To further demonstrate his commitment, the Governor informed Aruba Birdlife Conservation that his entire staff will participate in the count.

The Governor of Aruba is requesting one and all in Aruba to participate in Aruba's first national bird count. □

At Aqua Windie's

# The Orange Fish festival is a success



**EAGLE BEACH** -- Animal Rescue Foundation Aruba and Animal Rights Aruba joined efforts to raise funds this weekend at a well-attended and fun Orange Fish festival organized by volunteers at Aqua Windie's on Eagle Beach.

The funds collected at the festival will be used to spay and neuter stray dogs and cats, and to care for animals that require

veterinarian assistance.

Aqua Windie's has graciously offered to host this event designed to help rescue homeless animals on Aruba, in the garden and the restaurant.

While Aruba is an animal-loving island, the problem of stray animals continues to grow. Both ARFA & ARA, two local not for profit foundation, are directing their efforts at educating the population about

the benefits of spaying and neutering, and preventing the birth of unwanted puppies, and kittens. On the other hand ARFA & ARA is also busy offering pets for adoption, and has more than 20 puppies at the moment looking for a loving home. Both organizations

report they will be active in the community this year raising awareness and collecting resources to help with this daunting challenge.

Pictured here, prizes and

games for kids, fun items to buy – crafts, books, jewelry, flea market items, face paintings, cookies and desserts, the festival at Aqua Windie's was fun. □

## Bridge Results Aloha Bridge Club Aruba

Thursday morning March 10, 2011

A total of 11 pairs joined the bridge session at the members lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1)	Chris Goody / Pete Otterman	63.44 %
2)	Liesbeth van den Ham / C. Pinxter	58.44 %
3)	Edith Henriquez / Sheila Lampe	54.35 %
4)	Kathy Rasenberger / George Manning	54.32 %
5)	Corrie Veldman / Addy Eilers	50.44 %.

Friday evening March 11, 2011

A total of 8 pairs joined the evening bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1)	Fred van der Leest / Chris Joosten	65.28 %
2)	Addy Eilers / Willem Jacobusse	59.72 %
3)	Carmen Kruythoff / Kathy Yarzagaray	56.95 %
4)	Marion Pijper / C. Pinxter	52.78 %.

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers, tel. 5824953. □

At Aqua Grill restaurant

# Aruba visitors know their seafood!



**PALM BEACH**—First time Aruba visitors already know the place to be for the freshest seafood on the island! Recently, our photographer captured several tables of guests at renowned seafood

restaurant, Aqua Grill in Palm Beach, all here on the island for the first time.

"We might be new to the dining scene here on the island, but we did our research

and asked around to find out where the best place for fresh seafood was," said one couple. "hands-down, Aqua Grill was the most recommended seafood restaurant—it has three important things we look



for in a seafood restaurant: a nice variety of fresh seafood (we especially like to try locally-caught fish); a nice wine list (they have over 100 to choose from); and a chic yet still casual atmosphere. Pictured here are a couple from the Ukraine and Austria, and another from Philadelphia enjoying dinner on Aqua Grill's al fresco terrace. □

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PALM BEACH – Amazonia Churrascaria played host to patriarch David Wever, on his 59<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Annique Wever, who made

the reservation reports that the gathering included 24 members of the inner circle, just a small portion of the large Wever family, wishing



dad and grandpa health and longevity. The birthday boy enjoyed the attention lavished upon him on his special day. He reports

that having a large family is the key to happiness. Amazonia Churrascaria hosted the Wever family on the wraparound tropical terrace,

and served continuously to the biggest and smallest eaters of this fun multi-generational gathering. □

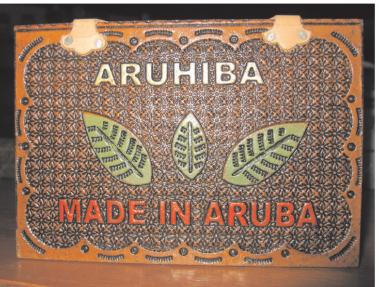
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# Dutch marines freed by Libya arrive home

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Three Dutch marines held for nearly two weeks by forces loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi said Saturday they had spent part of the time handcuffed and blindfolded, but generally were treated well in captivity.

The two men and one woman were released early Friday and flown to Athens following negotiations between senior Dutch diplomats and members of Gadhafi's regime.

The troops and their helicopter were seized Feb. 27 by armed forces loyal to Gadhafi after landing near Sirte, Libya, to help evacuate people from the country as a rebellion against the longtime leader's rule gained steam.



Three Dutch marines held for nearly two weeks by forces loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi were released.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte said the Netherlands did not pay ransom or make concessions to Gadhafi's regime in return for their freedom.

Lt. Yvonne Niersman said one of the worst aspects of their

imprisonment was not knowing how long they would be held.

"We had no idea how long it might last," Niersman said. "It could have been over in a day, or it could have been

years."

The three wore military overalls, the same or similar to the ones they wore when they were photographed in captivity.

Niersman, looking healthy and relaxed, spoke on behalf of the crew, although it was not immediately clear whether she was the mission commander. She said the crew had felt threatened during their capture and transfer by plane two days later, blindfolded, to Tripoli. They also were blindfolded during interrogations after their capture, she said.

The crew was able to stay up to date with world affairs and the situation in Libya because they could watch television with foreign news channels.

"The chaos and disorder were quite intimidating," Niersman said.

At a brief press conference at a military air base in the southern city of Eindhoven, Niersman and Dutch defense chief Gen. Peter van Uhm refused to answer any questions about the crew's capture or the mission that led to it.

Niersman said they were held at "a sort of guest house," and were never charged with any offense by Libyan authorities or accused of espionage.

The government has pledged to explain in a letter to Parliament why the marines flew a lightly armed Lynx helicopter from a frigate anchored offshore into Sirte, one of the strongholds of Gadhafi support, to rescue a Dutch worker and another European as anti-government rebels fought with forces loyal to the Libyan leader across the North African nation. □

## Gaddafi offensive rolls up rebel-held towns

By Mohammed Abbas

Associated Press

AJDABIYAH, Libya — Muammar Gaddafi's troops seized the strategic Libyan oil town of Brega on Sunday forcing rebels to retreat under a heavy bombardment while world powers considered imposing a no-fly zone.

Losing Brega and its refinery further limits rebel access to fuel after the insurgents were pushed out of Ras Lanuf on Sunday, another major oil terminal some 100 km to the west along the coast road where all of Libya's important towns are located.

"Brega has been cleansed of armed gangs," a Libyan government army source told state television.

Defeated rebel fighters were demoralized. "There's no uprising anymore," said rebel Nabeel Tijouri, whose heavy-



Libian Rebels

machinegun had been destroyed in the fighting. "The other day we were in Ras Lanuf, then Brega, the day after tomorrow they will be in Benghazi." Brega is 220 km south of the rebel stronghold of Benghazi with the town of Ajdabiyah the only sizeable town standing in the way. From Ajdabiyah there

are roads to either Benghazi or Tobruk, close to the border with Egypt. Libya's flat desert terrain means the government's air supremacy and big advantage in tanks outweighs the rebels' enthusiasm and light weaponry. Only towns and cities provide some cover for the insurgents and partially even the odds. □

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# Japan finds “new deal” after triple whammy?



Nuclear Reactor

By Chisa Fujioka

Associated Press

TOKYO – The Daiichi nuclear power plant in Fukushima is built on the shoreline in northeast Japan. So when an 8.9 magnitude earth quake struck on Friday, the tsunami waves it spawned as tall as a house and speeding like a jet plane washed right over the reactors and put them at risk of a meltdown. Engineers were dousing the plants with seawater in a desperate effort to prevent a calamity on Sunday, even as the government evacuated 140,000 from the area after radioactive steam was released from the stricken plant. The nuclear crisis was a triple whammy for Japan, coming on top of the earthquake Japan’s biggest and the fifth strongest ever recorded in the world and one of the most powerful tsunami in history, which caused scenes of unimaginable destruction in northeast Japan. Japan’s Prime Minister Naoto Kan said the country was facing its biggest crisis since the end of the Second World War, which was when the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. “We’re under scrutiny on whether we, the Japanese people, can overcome this crisis,” a grim-faced Kan told a Sunday night news conference. The quake caused Japan’s main island to shift 2.5 meters (8 feet) and moved the earth’s axis 10 cm geologists said. The question now is whether the catastrophe will spur other seismic changes in Japan, which has yet to emerge from its “lost decades” of stagnant growth, aging population, and loss of international prestige following the collapse of the Japanese asset bubble in the early 1990s. □

By ARYN BAKER

Associated Press

Najib Mikati likes to think of himself as a one-man rescue mission. Lebanon’s richest tycoon, worth an estimated \$2.5 billion, he presides over an eclectic empire that spans French fashion brand FaConnable, Swiss airline Flyaboo and a major share in Telecom giant MTN - shrewd acquisitions that have earned him a steady presence on the Forbes list. On Jan. 25th, he added one more troubled asset to his portfolio: the small and fractious nation of Lebanon, whose parliament just nominated him Prime Minister.

It was called a “political coup” by onetime ally and now predecessor Saad Hariri, whose 14-month-old coalition government collapsed in January following a paralyzing debate over an international tribunal investigating the 2005 assassination of his father Rafik Hariri, who was Prime Minister at the time. Mikati is now tasked with leading a fragile and divided nation still licking its wounds from a devastating civil war whose impact rippled far beyond national borders. He did not seek the position, Mikati, 55, tells TIME. His love for Lebanon forced his hand. “When I saw what

Venezuela’s Exclusion

## Anti-Chavez candidates faces a challenge

By GIRISH GUPTA

Associated Press

Leopoldo Lopez was once touted as a future leader of Venezuela, a young and appealing opposition figure who could have challenged President Hugo Chavez in next year’s presidential election. After serving as mayor of Chacao, a major commercial district of the capital, from 2000 to 2008 - he won his 2004 re-election with 81% of the vote - the Harvard-educated Lopez was poised in 2008 to run for mayor of all Caracas, with a 65% lead in the polls. But Lopez was stopped in his tracks when he, together with more than 300 other Venezuelan politicians, were declared “inhabilitados” by Chavez’s comptroller general, and disqualified from seeking public office until 2014 because they were supposedly guilty of corruption in their past.

Not surprisingly, say Chavez critics, 80% of those disqualified were opposition politicos. And, like Lopez, most have never been formally charged, let alone convicted of any crime. That prompted Lopez and other inhabilitados to take their cases to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACRH) in Costa Rica, arguing that both the Venezuelan Constitution and the American Convention on Human Rights hold that only those



Venezuelan Leader Hugo Chavez

who’ve been formally convicted of crimes can be prevented from running for election. Last week, Lopez, 39, finally got to testify before the IACRH. “This is the first time that I have had the opportunity to present my case in front of impartial judges,” he told TIME afterward, insisting that Chavez “has developed a strategy to destroy democracy” by keeping his foes from seeking office. Chavez supporters say the inhabilitado law is meant to keep Venezuela’s former kleptocracy - which had for decades prior to Chavez winning power in 1999 pillaged the wealth of a country with the western hemisphere’s largest oil reserves - from returning to power. But the case against Lopez is hardly that clear-cut. It stems from his work at the state-run oil com-

pany, Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), in the late 1990s when Lopez’s mother headed PDVSA’s public affairs office and often authorized company donations to charities and civic groups. One of those grants went to Primero Justicia (Justice First), a judicial reform advocacy group and political movement to which her son belonged. PDVSA executives in those days had been notorious for enriching relatives and cronies - although critics say under Chavez, it’s simply become a political patronage ATM for his supporters. But it’s questionable whether the Primero Justicia grant constitutes a criminally corrupt act that merits barring Lopez from elections.

Some 800 Venezuelans have been declared inhabilitados since 2007. □

## The embattled billionaire in Lebanon’s latest storm



Poster of Najib Mikati, Lebanon’s richest tycoon

was happening in the country, the deadlock, I said it’s time to stand. The real motivation is to rescue the nation.” It’s not

his first attempt. He was prime minister once before, in 2005, when he presided over an equally turbulent period im-

mediately following the elder Hariri’s assassination. Then Lebanon was snatched back from the brink of civil war through Mikati’s well-honed talent for consensus building and compromise. These days the situation is even more perilous. When Saad Hariri’s government fell, Mikati’s ascension to power as a compromise candidate helped calm tensions. But over the past month, Mikati’s deal-making skills have been put to the test as he attempts to knit a functioning government out of a parliament of squabbling interests and competing agendas. □

# Drug cartels merge in Central America



Mexico Drug War

By K. CORCORAN

Associated Press

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador**

On a steamy, late-summer day near the Salvadoran coast, more than 100 police working an intelligence tip scoured a near-vacant cattle ranch the size of 42 Manhattan blocks. Using probes and backhoes, they unearthed two plastic storage drums packed with U.S. dollars. It took three days to count the \$20s, \$50s and \$100s which added up to more than \$10 million. A third barrel was excavated a week later from beneath a patio in an upscale San Salvador suburb, for a total of \$14.5 million. Though questions remain, the stash may be Mexican drug cartel money. One of the two Guatemalan ranch owners allegedly had ties to the leader of a Guatemalan branch of Mexico's Gulf Cartel, who is serving a 31-year sentence for drug

trafficking in the U.S. Mexican drug cartels now operate virtually uninhibited in their Central American backyard. U.S.-supported crackdowns in Mexico and Colombia have only pushed traffickers into a region where corruption is rampant, borders lack even minimal immigration control and local gangs provide a ready-made infrastructure for organized crime. "The cartels are clear on the possibilities for using El Salvador as a place to launder money or to transport it south to pay for their drugs," National Police deputy director Howard Cotto told The Associated Press in an interview.

When President Barack Obama visits El Salvador later this month as part of a swing through Latin America, he will hit the region at its hottest point since the civil wars in the 1980s. Cocaine seizures in Central America tripled from 2003 to 2008, according to the U.N. World Drug Report.

The murder rate in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, already the highest in the world, is climbing in part from a rise in local drug dealing, authorities say.

While the U.S. and Mexico focus on gunrunning on their shared border, arms trafficking thrives in Guatemala, a country that doesn't manufacture a single firearm. □

In Beirut

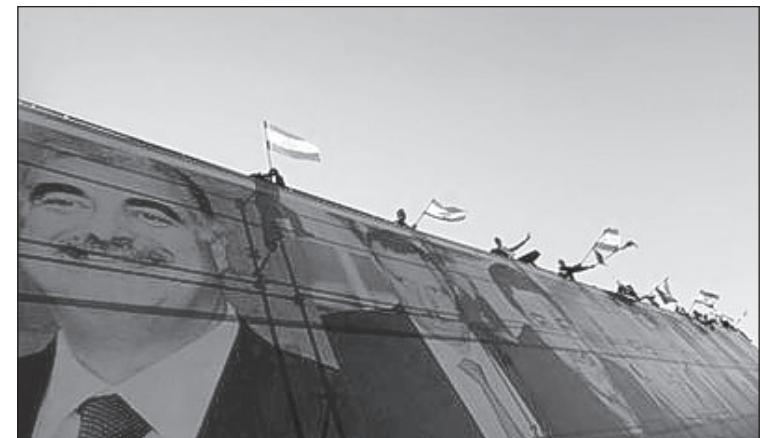
# Thousands demand Hezbollah disarm

By BASSEM MROUE

Associated Press

**BEIRUT** — Tens of thousands of supporters of Lebanon's pro-Western opposition thronged downtown Beirut on Sunday, demanding that the Iranian-backed militant group Hezbollah give up its weapons. The rally was a potent show of support for Lebanon's toppled Prime Minister Saad Hariri, who moved into the opposition after Hezbollah and its allies forced his government to collapse in January. "We want to place the weapons at the disposal of the state because it is the state that unites us all and it is the army that protects us all," Hariri said, shouting over the crowd as they cheered and waved Lebanon's national flag.

Hariri has taken a far stronger public stance against Hezbollah in recent weeks than he did during his 14 months as prime minister, suggesting that the country's political deadlock is far from over. Ghaleb Abu Zeinab, a member of Hezbollah's political bureau, said the group will not respond to Sunday's gathering. But a slew of billboards has popped up in Beirut lately, saying "Israel also wants Hezbollah disarmed" a clear message that Hezbollah sees its weapons as a necessary safeguard against its enemies. Hariri accuses the militant group, which is backed by Syria and Iran, of using its



Mideast Conflict

weapons for intimidation and political leverage. Sunday's rally heightens growing tensions in Lebanon over a U.N. tribunal investigating the 2005 assassination of Hariri's father, former prime minister Rafik Hariri. The Hague-based court is widely expected to accuse Hezbollah members of involvement in the killing in indictments issued two months ago but which remain sealed. Hezbollah vehemently denies having anything to do with the killing, and its ministers walked out of Saad Hariri's government when he refused to cut ties with the tribunal. Hezbollah and its allies then secured enough support in parliament to name Najib Mikati as their pick for prime minister. Mikati has emphasized that he will not do the bidding of any one side in Lebanon's fractious politics, but he is still struggling to form a Cabinet. Opponents of Hezbollah which the U.S. considers a terrorist

organization say having an Iranian proxy at the helm of Lebanon's government would lead to international isolation. Hezbollah's weapons are a longstanding and contentious political issue in Lebanon. Hezbollah was the only Lebanese faction allowed to keep its weapons under the agreement that ended the 1975-1990 civil war, on the grounds that it needed arms to fight any potential threat from Israel. Today, the arsenal far outweighs that of the national army and public sentiment on the weapons is mixed. The Lebanese applaud Hezbollah's ability to confront Israel, but many accuse the group of leading the country into violent conflict. In 2006, many Lebanese complained that Hezbollah had dragged the whole country into war with Israel. Two years later, 80 people died in clashes as Hezbollah resisted government attempts to dismantle its private phone network. □

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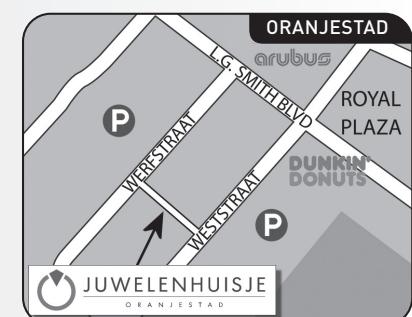
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In Oman

# Sultan to cede powers after protests



Oman Protests

By Saleh Al-Shaibani  
Associated Press

MUSCAT — Oman's ruler has decided to cede some legislative powers to a partially elected council, the state news agency reported on Sunday, in an apparent effort to quell protests in the Gulf Arab sultanate.

The ONA agency also said Sultan Qaboos bin Said would double monthly welfare payments and increase pension benefits, becoming the latest Gulf ruler to offer handsome incentives to citizens in the wake of unrest that has rocked much of the Arab world. The normally tranquil Oman, an oil-producing nation at the mouth of the Gulf, was stunned by protests in at least two cities last month that left one person dead.

The sultan, who has ruled Oman for 40 years, sacked a string of ministers in a recent cabinet reshuffle and on Sunday appeared to make his biggest concession yet by announcing that he would offer lawmaking powers to the Oman Council.

At present, only the sultan and his cabinet can legislate. The Oman Council, which previously only offered policy advice, consists of the elected Shura Council and the State Council, made up of members appointed by the sultan himself. "A technical committee of experts shall be constituted to develop the draft amendment of the Basic Law of the State," ONA quoted Sunday's royal decree as saying, adding that the group would have to report back in 30 days.

The sultan's announcement came on the day workers at two Oman firms went on strike to demand a wage hike, as simmering protests in the sultanate spilled over into the private sector.

Staff of Oman International Bank and Oman Invest and Finance Company walked off the job in the morning and stood in silent protest in front of their offices.

"Our demands are very simple, we want higher pay and more overtime," said Mohammed Al Balushi, an employee at OIFC.

OIB is Oman's fifth-largest bank by assets, while the OIFC is an investment and services company.

Bank Muscat, the country's largest financial institution, agreed to increase its salaries on Sunday after workers there had staged a strike a day earlier. Oman Air also made concessions last week to head off strike action.

Looking to ease social tensions, Gulf Arab oil producers on Thursday launched a \$20 billion aid package for their less prosperous neighbors Oman and Bahrain a job-generating measure that should enable the two countries to upgrade their housing and infrastructure. □



Nuclear radiation

# For the UK earthquake has nuclear lessons

LONDON — Lessons need to be learned from the problems facing Japanese nuclear reactors after the devastating earthquake and tsunami, Energy Minister Chris Huhne said on Sunday.

"I'm asking our own nuclear regulator, or safety authorities, to look very carefully at the Japanese experience to learn any lessons that we can, both for our own existing nuclear reactors and for any new nuclear program, because safety is absolutely the number one priority for us in all our energy sources, and that has to be the case with this one as well," Huhne told BBC television.

"We have to learn the lessons from what has gone on in Japan and make sure we take them on board."

Huhne said there were differences between the Japanese and British nuclear programs. "We don't have type of reactor that is involved in this particular incident, in the UK, and nor are we proposing that it should be part of any new nuclear program," he said.

"And in addition, of course, there is a very big difference in that we're, frankly, amazingly lucky that we don't live in a seismically active earthquake zone like Japan."

Huhne was asked about public reaction to the disaster in

Japan which comes as Britain is about to relaunch its nuclear programme.

"Well, public opinion obviously is going to be very influenced by the investigation. And the investigation is absolutely crucial. So we mustn't put the cart before the horse," he said.

"The key thing is to get to the bottom of what has gone on, to understand any and all of the lessons that there may be from what's gone on in Japan for the UK. Now, clearly there may be some in terms of operator safety and so forth."

The coalition government cleared the way in October for new nuclear power plants to be built at eight sites in England and Wales three fewer than the 11 proposed by the Labour government.

The coalition had already said it would give the go-ahead to companies that want to build new nuclear plants, provided no public subsidy is required, despite Liberal Democrat opposition to new nuclear power stations before the party was in power.

In June the British authorities are due to authorise the use of EPR technology by the French Areva and EDF groups and the AP1000 design of the US company Westinghouse in the building of new nuclear reactors. □



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## Iran to put Americans on trial again in May



Iran President Ahmadinejad

TEHRAN – Iran will put three Americans facing spying charges on trial for the second time on May 11, an official was quoted Sunday.

“The next trial session of three Americans who have been charged by espionage will be held on May 11 in Tehran’s revolutionary and general court,” Avaiee said the trial, unusually, may be held in public.

Shane Bauer, Josh Fattal and Sarah Shourd were arrested on July 31, 2009, near Iran’s border with Iraq and said they had crossed the unmarked border by mistake while hiking.

Shourd was released in September last year on \$500,000 bail and returned home. Iran says the move a “humanitarian gesture.”

The first trial session was held in February.

The case has added to strains between Iran and the West, already at loggerheads over the Islamic state’s nuclear program. The West suspects the program might be aimed at making atomic bombs. Iran denies this and says it needs nuclear technology to meet its booming demand for energy. □

## Leaked cable shows details of arms deal

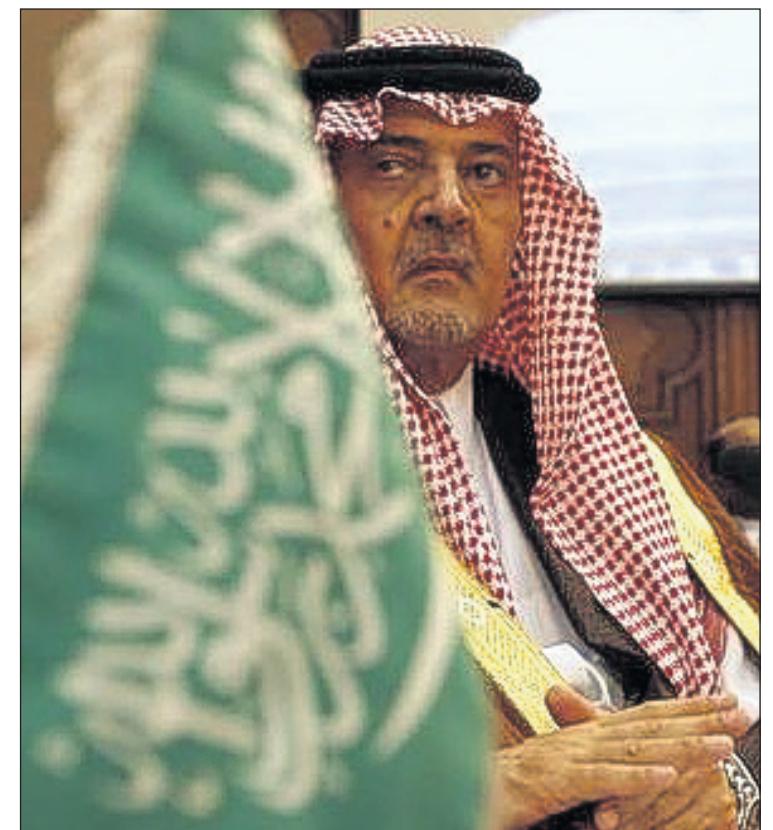
By SYLVIA HUI

Associated Press

LONDON – British-based defense contractor BAE Systems PLC bribed Saudi officials in return for lucrative arms deals in Saudi Arabia, according to a newly released secret U.S. diplomatic cable. Britain’s anti-fraud agency told a private OECD meeting in Paris in 2007 that it had evidence that BAE, Europe’s largest defense contractor, paid more than 70 million pounds to a Saudi prince with influence over a series of contracts for fighter jets with Saudi Arabia, said the cable from the U.S. embassy in Paris, released by WikiLeaks website on Friday. The Serious Fraud Office’s then-deputy director Helen Garlick told the meeting that other “substantial” payments were made to an unnamed senior Saudi official and to overseas agents employed by the Saudi government, according to the cable, dated March 2007.

The SFO also “discovered false representations by BAE to conceal the corrupt dealings, which would constitute conspiracy to defraud under U.K. law,” the cable said.

BAE did not explicitly refute the cable’s content on Sunday, but said in a statement that no charges of bribery or



Saud al-Faisal

corruption were made against the company. It also said it has enhanced its compliance policies to ensure responsible conduct.

The overseas dealings of BAE have long been under scrutiny for corruption. The SFO began probing its contracts in the 1980s, including allegations of bribery for the contracts with Saudi Arabia, but in 2006 dropped that investigation because of Saudi objection.

According to the cable released on Friday, Jonathan

Jones, a member of the British delegation to the Paris meeting, said the probe had to be discontinued because the U.K. could not afford to lose the cooperation of Saudi Arabia, which was a key source of intelligence on al-Qaida. Last year, BAE agreed to pay record fines totaling around US\$450 million in Britain and the United States in a deal with authorities on both sides of the Atlantic to settle long-running corruption allegations relating to its overseas contracts. □

# Pay teachers more



By N. D. KRISTOF

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From the debates in Wisconsin and elsewhere about public sector unions, you might get the impression that we're going bust because teachers are overpaid.

That's a pernicious fallacy. A basic educational challenge is not that teachers are raking it in, but that they are underpaid. If we want to compete with other countries, and chip away at poverty across America, then we need to pay teachers more so as to attract better people into the profession.

Until a few decades ago, employment discrimination perversely strengthened our teaching force. Brilliant women became elementary school teachers, because better jobs weren't open to them. It was profoundly unfair, but the discrimination did benefit America's children.

These days, brilliant women become surgeons and investment bankers — and 47 percent of America's kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers come from the bottom one-third of their college classes (as measured by SAT scores). The figure is from a study by McKinsey & Company, "Closing the Talent Gap."

Changes in relative pay have reinforced the problem. In 1970, in New York City, a newly minted teacher at a public school earned about \$2,000 less in salary than a starting lawyer at a prominent law firm. These days the lawyer takes home, including bonus, \$115,000 more than the teacher, the McKinsey study found.

We all understand intuitively

the difference a great teacher makes. I think of Juanita Trantina, who left my fifth-grade class intoxicated with excitement for learning and fascinated by the current events she spoke about. You probably have a Miss Trantina in your own past.

One Los Angeles study found that having a teacher from the 25 percent most effective group of teachers for four years in a row would be enough to eliminate the black-white achievement gap.

Recent scholarship suggests that good teachers, even kindergarten teachers, increase their students' earnings many years later. Eric A. Hanushek of Stanford University found that an excellent teacher (one a standard deviation better than average, or better than 84 percent of teachers) raises each student's lifetime earnings by \$20,000.

If there are 20 students in the class, that is an extra \$400,000 generated, compared with a teacher who is merely average.

A teacher better than 93 percent of other teachers would add \$640,000 to lifetime pay of a class of 20, the study found.

Look, I'm not a fan of teachers' unions. They used their clout to gain job security more than pay, thus making the field safe for low achievers. Teaching work rules are often inflexible, benefits are generous relative to salaries, and it is difficult or impossible to dismiss teachers who are ineffective.

But none of this means that teachers are overpaid. And if governments nibble away at pensions and reduce job security, then they must pay more in wages to stay even.

Moreover, part of compensation is public esteem. When governors mock teachers as lazy, avaricious incompetents, they demean the profession and make it harder to attract the best and brightest. We should be elevating teachers, not throwing darts at them.

Consider three other countries renowned for their educational performance: Singapore, South Korea and Finland. □

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## The Biggest Losers



By CHARLES M. BLOW

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Should the government have a significant role in reducing childhood obesity?

That's the question the Pew Research Center began asking poll respondents a few weeks ago. Nearly 60 percent said yes. Only about 40 percent said no.

This is a remarkable change in public sentiment from 2005 when the Harvard School of Public Health asked a similar question and got almost the exact opposite result.

So what happened in the intervening years? One major occurrence has been the push by the president and first lady to combat the problem. Their

initiatives promote common-sense approaches like increased breast-feeding, better diets and more exercise. Who could argue with that? The right, that's who.

True to form, anything the Obamas support, no matter how innocuous or admirable, the right reflexively rejects, sometimes in malicious tones.

Rush Limbaugh went so far as to comment on the first lady's own weight as part of his criticism last month. (I have to bite my tongue and bind my fingers to keep from pointing out the obvious hypocrisy.)

So with that as background, one can see why the Pew poll found that only 49 percent of whites, 45 percent of the elderly, 41 percent of Republicans and 33 percent of those who agree with the Tea Party movement also agreed with the majority on this question.

"Their Nanny State is trying to control our kitchens!" (Oh, like how the right's Daddy State has tried for decades to control our bedrooms? I get it, but I digress.)

The right objects even though many of the more conservative states, particularly in the South, are also the ones that struggle the most with obesity. □

Now many would rightly argue that the data don't delineate to what degree conservatives expressly contribute to the problem. And they'd argue that large percentages of minorities — who have higher obesity rates and are more Democratic — in many of those states could skew the numbers.

Fair points, but they don't necessarily track.

Even when you strip away all minorities and only compare obesity rates among whites, the highest rates are still in West Virginia, Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee. Even so, they'd say, there is no way to know how many of those whites are conservative. Yes, but — since John McCain averaged 71 percent of the white vote in those states in 2008 — it is safe to assume that many are.

Anyway, this really shouldn't be a partisan issue. This should be an all-hands-on-deck issue, including the hands of the government.

And red states, many of which are now the biggest losers in the fight against childhood obesity, have the most to gain. □

# Kenya in defeat makes a point to Ponting

Australia's cricket captain Ricky Ponting prepares to throw the ball during the Cricket World Cup Group A match between Australia and Kenya in Bangalore, India, Sunday, March 13, 2011.

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# SPORTS

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### NFL bosses slice salaries to \$1 during lockout



NFL commissioner Roger Goodell speaks with reporters as negotiations between the NFL owners and players go unresolved, at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Washington, Friday, March 11, 2011.

Associated Press

#### BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and league general counsel Jeff Pash are slashing their salaries to \$1 each during the lockout that could end the 2011 season.

Goodell and Pash promised in January they would take salary cuts if there was a work stoppage. Goodell earns about \$10 million a year, including bonuses, and Pash nearly \$5 million.

Goodell also has asked the league's compensation committee to delay any bonus payments to him until there is a deal with the players' union. Also taking cuts will be all league personnel at the New York headquarters, NFL Films in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, and at NFL Network and NFL.com in Culver City, California. □

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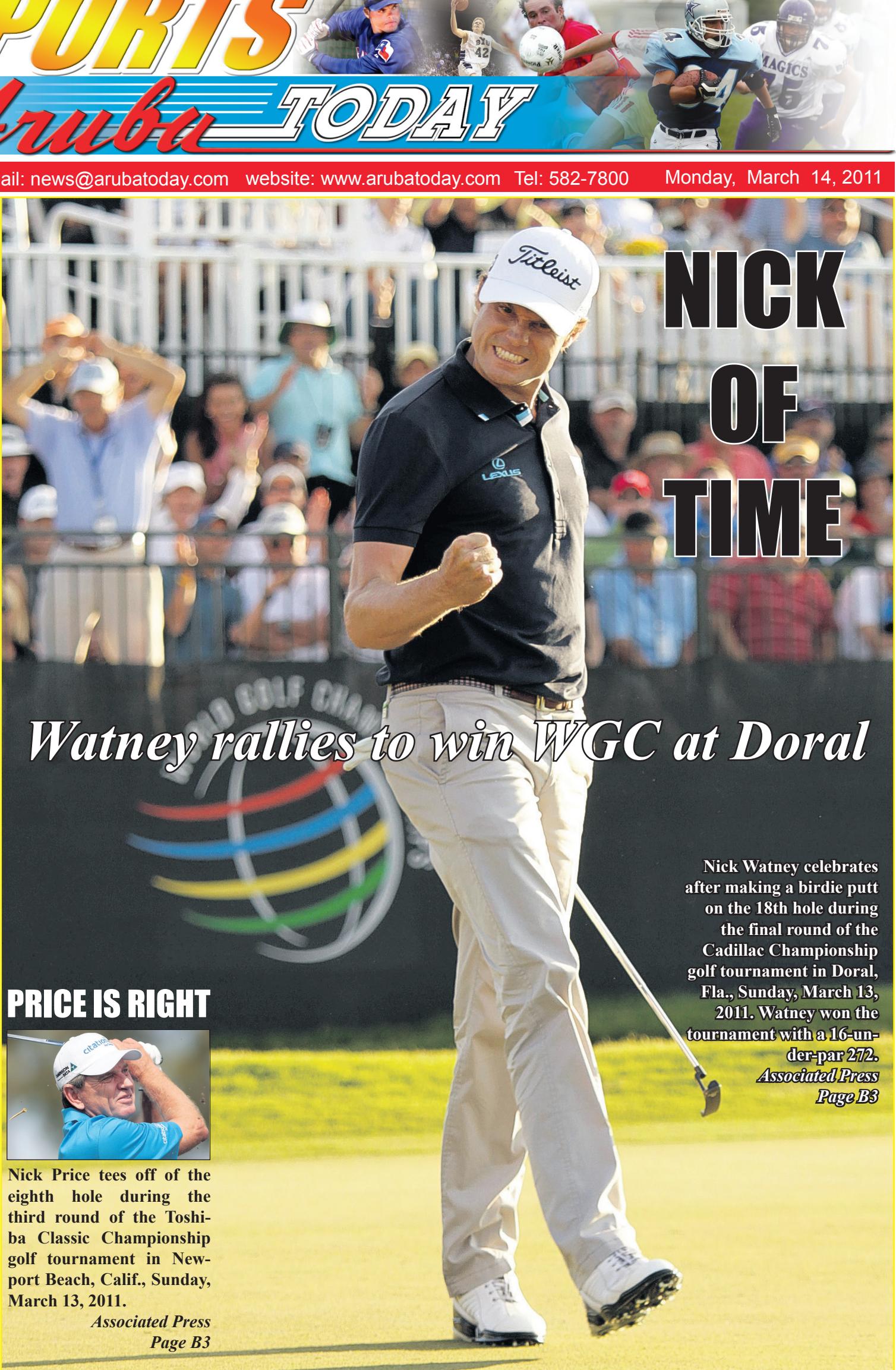


Nick Price tees off of the eighth hole during the third round of the Toshiba Classic Championship golf tournament in Newport Beach, Calif., Sunday, March 13, 2011.

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### NICK OF TIME

### *Watney rallies to win WGC at Doral*



Nick Watney celebrates after making a birdie putt on the 18th hole during the final round of the Cadillac Championship golf tournament in Doral, Fla., Sunday, March 13, 2011. Watney won the tournament with a 16-under-par 272.

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# Roddick beats Blake at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Andy Roddick beat fellow American James Blake 6-3, 7-5 in the second round of the BNP Paribas Open at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on Sunday.

Roddick's eighth win in 11 matches with Blake set up a third-round meeting with U.S. Davis Cup teammate John Isner, who opened the day with a 6-3, 7-6 (2) victory over Ricardo Mello of Brazil. Two-time women's champion Kim Clijsters of Belgium struggled but beat Italy's Sara Errani 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 to join Francesca Schiavone of Italy, Ana Ivanovic of Serbia and Marion Bartoli of France in the third round.

On the men's side, No. 7 seed

Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic also moved into the third round. No. 2 Roger Federer and No. 3 Novak Djokovic were scheduled to play later in the day.

Roddick rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the second set by losing just two points and hitting 10 of his 13 aces in his final five service games.

Roddick said he thought he performed acceptably, but "it was tough to get a gauge on how I was playing because James was playing so aggressively. From the first game his strategy was — he didn't want to let me get a rhythm. I felt like he was coming out of his shoes (trying to hit winners). It was tough, but the numbers looked



Andy Roddick, of the United States, returns a shot to countryman James Blake during a match at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., Sunday, March 13, 2011.

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good afterward. I felt like I was hitting the ball okay, so it

worked out."

While Roddick is trying to maintain the form that has carried him to a 14-2 record and his 30th career title this year, Isner is trying to find a way to correct his inconsistencies. After winning three of his five matches in Australia, he lost in the first rounds at Memphis and Delray Beach, Fla., and split two matches in last weekend's

Davis Cup victory over Chile.

"I haven't been playing that well," said Isner, who got out to a 4-1 lead and then had to battle both Mello and himself.

"Hitting the right shots at the right time has been sort of a struggle.

"Today I couldn't have started off any better. I'm up 4-1 and 15-40 (on Mello's serve) and then I didn't win that game. That's when my game went downhill a little bit. I was playing the right way and I didn't get that (break) and I don't really know what happened. I just stopped playing how I was playing in the first five games.

It's something I'm always working on and need to do better at." □

## Wolf, Lee claim 500m gold at worlds

INZELL, Germany (AP) — Jenny Wolf of Germany won the women's 500-meter sprint title for the fourth year in a row at the speedskating world championships on Sunday. The world record-holder won the first race in 37.98 seconds and defended her position in the second, when she clocked 37.95 seconds.

Olympic champion Lee Sang-hwa of South Korea was second, clocking 38.14 in the first race and 38.03 in the second. China's Wang Beixing took bronze with times of 38.35 and 38.04.

Lee Kyou-hyuk of South Korea won the men's event for

his fourth gold in the event, clocking times of 34.78 and 34.32 seconds.

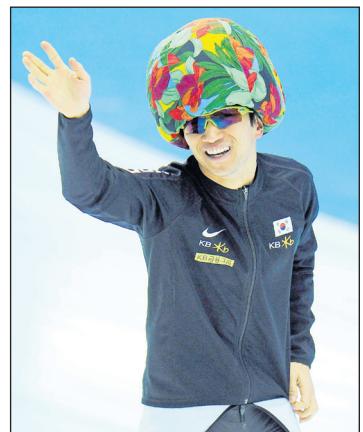
The 32-year-old Lee also won in 2007, '08 and '10, making him one of four male skaters to win the championships four times.

Joji Kato of Japan finished second with times of 34.90 and 34.52, while Jan Smeekens took bronze. The Dutchman was fastest in the first race with 34.77, but slipped to third when he clocked 34.66 in the second.

The United States surprisingly won the men's team pursuit, with the team of Shani Davis, Trevor Marsicano and Jonathan Kuck clocking 3 minutes, 41.72 seconds to take the gold.

Canada's team of Denny Morrison, Lucas Makowsky and Mathieu Giroux finished second in 3:41.85. The Netherlands took bronze, with Bob de Vries, Jan Blokhuijsen and Koen Verweij clocking 3:43.44.

Canada won the women's event, with Christine Nesbitt, Brittany Schussler and Cindy Klassen finishing in 2:59.74. The Dutch team of Ireen Wust, Diane Valkenburg and Marrit Leenstra was second, with the German trio of Stephanie Beckert, Isabell Ost and Claudia Pechstein taking bronze. □



Lee Kyou-hyuk of Korea reacts after taken the victory of the men's 500m race at the World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships in Inzell, southern Germany, on Sunday March 13, 2011.

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Italian Ottavio Cinquanta, President of the International Skating Union (ISU), during a press conference at the Speed Skating Worlds in Inzell, southern Germany, Saturday March 12, 2011.

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## Skating officials now considering canceling worlds

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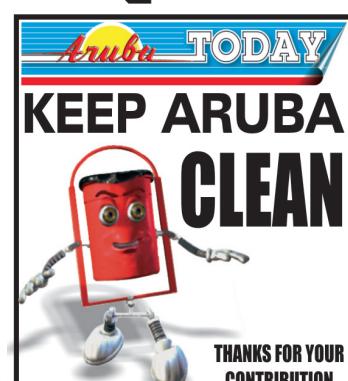
(AP) — Germany announced Sunday it will not send a team to next week's world figure skating championships in Tokyo, and international skating officials were weighing whether to even hold the event following the earthquake and tsunami that ravaged the country.

Germany, the United States and several European countries have advised citizens not to travel to Japan, and the German Ice Skating Union said in a statement it would follow that recommendation. The first German skaters would have left Wednesday for worlds, which are scheduled to begin March 21 at Yoyogi stadium in Tokyo.

"The German Ice Skating Union decided today to follow the travel recommendations of the Foreign Office and refrain from traveling to Japan for the 2011 World Championships," the federation said.

U.S. Figure Skating said it was monitoring developments in consultation with the International Skating Union and U.S. Olympic Committee. The United States is sending 15 skaters to worlds, with Meryl Davis and Charlie White favorites to become the first Americans to win a world title in ice dance.

"There's definitely some concern there," U.S. men's champion Ryan Bradley said. □



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# Watney rallies to win Cadillac Championship at Doral

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AP Golf Writer

DORAL, Florida (AP) —

Nick Watney poured in two key putts for par along the back nine Sunday, then hit two fearless shots on the 18th and finished with a birdie for and a 5-under 67 to win the Cadillac Championship by two shots over Dustin Johnson.

It was the third victory of Watney's career, and by far the biggest.

The 29-year-old American captured a World Golf Championship, and earned a measure of redemption on the Blue Monster. It was two years ago when Watney battled Phil Mickelson shot-for-shot on the weekend, only for his 30-foot birdie putt on the last hole to stop one turn short of a chance at a playoff.

This time, Watney left nothing to chance.

With a one-shot lead playing the 18th — where he had put his tee shot into the water on

Saturday for a double bogey — Watney drilled his drive over 300 yards down the middle of the fairway, and hit his approach to 12 feet above the hole. He pumped his fist when it fell for birdie, knowing that Johnson would have to hole out from the fairway to tie him.

Johnson had to settle for a shot into 8 feet, and typical of his final round, he missed the putt for a 71.

"I'm not sure it owed me one," Watney said at the trophy presentation. "I think I settled the score. If you keep working hard, you get back in that situation. And luckily today, I was able to do a little better."

Francesco Molinari, who won the last World Golf Championship in stroke play last November in Shanghai, closed with a 69 and tied for third with Anders Hansen (67), who will move into the top 50 and now has to stay there the next two weeks to get into the

Masters.

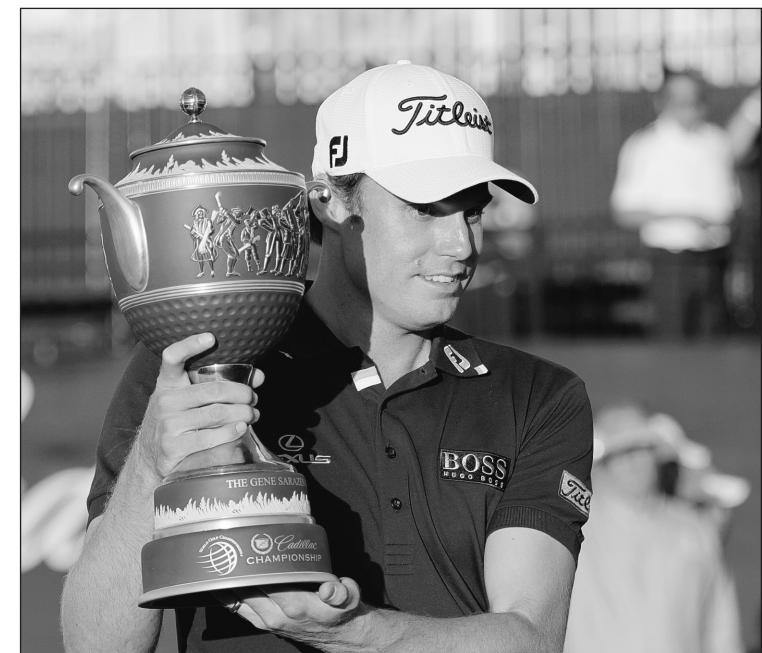
Tiger Woods matched his best score of the year with a 6-under 66, and when Rory McIlroy dunked his tee shot into the water on the 18th hole and made bogey, that enabled Woods to tie for 10th.

It was his first top 10 in an official PGA Tour event in nine months, dating to the U.S. Open.

"I want to win golf tournaments ... and I didn't do that this week," Woods said. "But I showed positive signs for the next time I play, which is a good thing."

Watney finished at 16-under 272 and earned \$1.4 million, moving him closer to cracking the top 10 in the world ranking.

Johnson opened with a birdie and went 12 straight pars before his next one, a fairway bunker shot that hit the flag and settled 2 feet away on the 14th. But he came undone on the 16th, going bunker-to-bunker for a bogey at the



Nick Watney poses with the trophy after winning during the Cadillac Championship golf tournament in Doral, Fla. Sunday, March 13, 2011. Watney won with a 16 under total of 272.

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worst time.

"Nothing went in the hole all day," he said. "The 18th hole kind of sums it up."

That wasn't the case for Watney.

He opened with back-to-back birdies and took the outright lead with a birdie on the par-5 10th. But he won this tournament with pars.

On the tough par-3 13th, Watney went well right into a bunker and blasted out weakly to 18 feet.

Right when it looked as though he would drop a shot, he holed the par putt to keep his one-shot lead. On the next par-3, Watney went long into a bunker and faced a downhill shot. He was so

careful that it barely crawled onto the fringe. He drained that one from 25 feet for par to stay tied.

Johnson missed an 18-foot birdie putt on the 17th that would have tied Watney, and he figured his last chance was a birdie on the 18th, the toughest at Doral where only two players had made birdie in the final round.

Johnson was in the fairway after a 326-yard tee shot when he watched Watney make the putt.

"I kind of wanted to make him hole in order to tie," Watney said. "It worked out great. After yesterday, I couldn't have asked for a better ending." □

## Nick Price wins Toshiba Classic

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.

(AP) — Nick Price won the Toshiba Classic on Sunday for his fourth career Champions Tour title, holding off Mark Wiebe by a stroke at Newport Beach Country Club.

The 54-year-old Price matched the Champions Tour record with a career-best 11-under 60 in the first round, then closed with consecutive 68s to finish at 17-under 196. He earned \$255,000.

"When I shot 60, everyone was asking how many I was going to win by," Price said. "Well, you still have two rounds to go. ... I made it a little more exciting than I wanted to. I tried not to, but my putter just didn't let me. I hit the ball so good today so it was a little frustrating to say the least."

Wiebe shot a 67. He had a chance to force a playoff, but missed a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th.

"I was totally happy with my putt," said Wiebe, a two-time winner on the Champions Tour. "I really liked it. When I looked up, I thought it was in.



Nick Price holds the trophy after winning the Toshiba Classic Championship golf tournament in Newport Beach, Calif., Sunday, March 13, 2011. Price won the tournament with a three round total 17-under 196.

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I really did." Japan's Joe Ozaki (67) and Michael Allen (66) tied for third at 14 under, and 2010 winner Fred Couples (67) was another stroke back along with Brad Bryant (65) and Robert Thompson (66). Price, a three-time major

champion and 18-time winner on the PGA Tour, birdied three of the first 10 holes to reach 17 under, followed a bogey on the par-4 12th with a birdie on the par-3 13th, then closed with five straight pars to finish off the wire-to-wire victory. □

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## NBA Roundup

**Magic end long drought in Phoenix with 111-88 rout**

Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard, center, is fouled by Phoenix Suns guard Aaron Brooks, right, as Howard drives between Brooks and Suns center Marcin Gortat, left, of Poland, in the second quarter of an NBA basketball game Sunday, March 13, 2011, in Phoenix.

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**PHOENIX (AP)** — Dwight Howard had 26 points and 15 rebounds, then watched the fourth quarter from the bench as the Orlando Magic completed a 111-88 rout of

the Suns on Sunday for their first victory in Phoenix in nine seasons.

Phoenix had been the only NBA city where Howard had not won.

Aaron Brooks, starting in

place of injured Steve Nash, had 19 points and 10 assists, but the Suns were blown out at home for the second game in a row.

Six other Magic players reached double figures, led by Brandon Bass with 17 and Gilbert Arenas with 16. Orlando's regulars got plenty of rest heading into Monday night's game against the Lakers in Los Angeles.

Nash missed the game with "pelvic instability." Coach Alvin Gentry said his star point guard probably also will miss Monday night's game at Houston.

**Celtics 87, Bucks 56**

In Boston, Ray Allen scored 17 points in just three quarters and Boston set a franchise record for fewest points allowed in the shot clock era.

It was the lowest score against the Celtics since they beat the Milwaukee Hawks 62-57 on Feb. 27, 1955.

Earl Barron was the only play-

er to score in double figures for the Bucks, finishing with 10 points. Australian Andrew Bogut and Brandon Jennings led Milwaukee's starters with eight points apiece.

**Thunder 95, Cavaliers 75**

In Cleveland, Russell Westbrook scored 12 straight points during a 5-minute stretch of the third quarter to awaken his listless Oklahoma City teammates.

Westbrook scored 14 of his 20 points in the third, helping the Thunder open a 20-point cushion. Kevin Durant, the NBA's leading scorer, added

19 points — nine below his average — as the Thunder improved to 19-6 against Eastern Conference teams.

Daniel Gibson had 13 points and J.J. Hickson pulled down 15 rebounds for Cleveland.

**Bobcats 95, Raptors 90**

In Toronto, D.J. Augustin scored 23 points and Gerald Henderson had 18 to help

Charlotte snap a five-game road losing streak.

Stephen Jackson and Boris Diaw added 15 points apiece for the Bobcats, who have won two straight after a season-high six-game slide.

Andrea Bargnani had 17 points and Leandro Barbosa added 15 for Toronto, which has lost 11 of 15 and 24 of 29.

**Pacers 106, Knicks 93**

In New York, Tyler Hansbrough scored a career-high 29 points, Dahntay Jones added 18 in place of leading scorer Danny Granger, and Indiana snapped a six-game losing streak.

Darren Collison added 16 points, and Roy Hibbert had 12 points, eight rebounds and five blocks for the Pacers in the opener of a home-and-home series.

Amare Stoudemire scored 28 points for the Knicks, who lost their second straight. Carmelo Anthony added 25 but shot just 9 for 22. □

**"There will be a season." You sure?**

**By BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**NEW YORK** — There will be an NFL season in 2011.

That's what Commissioner Roger Goodell keeps saying. So do many of the owners and lots of players, even though labor talks collapsed, the union dissolved itself, and star players including MVP Tom Brady asked for a preliminary injunction to prevent a lockout hours before the league even implemented one.

Despite the nasty rhetoric of last week, no one would paint the doomsday scenario of no football come September. Instead, we hear Chargers president Dean Spanos say, "We will get through this. There will be a new agreement and we're looking forward to playing football this season." And we hear Bears president Ted Phillips echo with "A deal will get done and we expect to play football in 2011."

Are they right? And how will they get there?

"There will be no negotiating for a while," said Gary

Roberts, dean of the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis. "Both sides will wait to see how the legal maneuvering plays out.

"Where we are after all the mediated negotiations is the players reached a point where they figure they can get a better deal if they file an antitrust lawsuit than continue to bargain at the table. The league would have preferred to be in collective bargaining and lock the players out because they feel it's the best way to maximize their leverage.

"Ultimately, come August and September, they feel they will have more leverage to get a better deal."

August? September? Not very encouraging.

"This is classic collective bargaining, with each side using their tactical devices to increase bargaining leverage. At the end of this, before the season is lost, they will hammer out an agreement."

For now, the players will meet in Marco Island, Fla., beginning Wednesday, an an-

nual convention that has taken place in Maui most years — that's where DeMaurice Smith was elected successor to the late Gene Upshaw as executive director in 2009. Smith was charged with keeping the status quo as much as possible because the players liked the deal Upshaw and then-Commissioner Paul Tagliabue struck in 2006.

They will plot strategy for the next few months, hopeful the request for a preliminary injunction filed Friday by Brady, Peyton Manning, Drew Brees and seven other players, including Texas A&M linebacker Von Miller, will stop the lockout. The players also filed an antitrust suit against the league. Should the injunction be granted, the NFL would be forced to operate while a new CBA is discussed, although the rules under which the league would be doing business are uncertain. When the players' strike failed in 1987 and the union decertified in 1989, the situation was similar. And the players' success



Roger Goodell, NFL commissioner, left, and Jerry Jones, owner of the Dallas Cowboys talk as they leave after negotiations with the NFL Players Association involving a federal mediator broke down without an agreement Friday, March 11, 2011 in Washington.

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in the courts eventually led to a new labor pact in 1993 that included free agency.

Decertification means players no longer are protected under labor law but instead are now allowed to take their chances in federal court under antitrust law.

Most importantly from the end of the strike — and the end of the replacement games the NFL staged while the union was on picket lines — until the new agreement was reached,

no games were missed.

"As a veteran and lifetime fan of professional football, I have experienced the business with uncertainty firsthand," said Seattle running back/kick returner Leon Washington, who agreed to a new four-year contract two weeks ago. "I feel for the coaches, and facility and stadium employees as their lives could be affected. ... With all this being said, I'm optimistic that there will be football played in 2011." □

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## NHL Roundup

# Knuble's goal gives Caps 4-3 OT win over Chicago

The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Knuble's overtime goal gave the Washington Capitals their eighth straight victory and a 4-3 win over the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday.

The winning streak is the longest for the Capitals since they set a franchise record with 14 straight victories from Jan. 13-Feb. 7, 2010. Washington set a club record with its fourth straight 40-win season.

The Capitals increased their Southeast Division lead over Tampa Bay to five points. Washington also moved one point behind Philadelphia for first place in the Eastern Conference.

The Blackhawks have dropped three straight after winning eight in a row.

Rookie goalie Braden Holtby has given up only four goals in 11 periods since replacing injured Michal Neuvirth after the first period at Tampa Bay on March 7. Holtby made 27 saves against the Blackhawks.

### Kings 3, Stars 2

At Dallas, Michal Handzus scored the tiebreaking goal with 20.8 seconds remaining and Los Angeles stretched its winning streak to three by beating Dallas.

Jamie Langenbrunner had tied it at 2 for the Stars with 43 seconds left when he poked a loose puck through the pads of Jonathan Quick.

But with the game seemingly headed for overtime, Handzus set up in front and steered

Alexei Ponikarovsky's centering feed past goalie Kari Lehtonen to give the Kings the win.

Drew Doughty and Dustin Penner added goals, and Quick made 17 saves for the **Kings, 7-2-1 in their last 10**. Los Angeles improved to 83 points, one more than Dallas in the tight Western Conference playoff race.

Brad Richards also scored and

Lehtonen stopped 22 shots for

the Stars, 6-1-2 in their last

nine games.

### Penguins 5, Oilers 1

At Pittsburgh, Chris Kunitz scored two goals, Tyler Kennedy added three assists, and Pittsburgh moved to within three points of the Eastern Conference lead by thrashing Edmonton.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 28 saves one day after being pulled during a loss to Montreal, Max Talbot and Jordan Staal each had a goal and an assist, and Zbynek Michalek also scored for Pittsburgh, which reached 40 victories (40-22-8) for the fifth consecutive season.

Ryan Jones scored in the third period for the Oilers (23-38-9), who have lost four straight and have the NHL's worst record.

### Sabres 6, Senators 4

In Buffalo, New York, Tyler Ennis scored two goals and Jhonas Enroth made 34 saves to lead Buffalo over Ottawa.

The game was played hours after former Sabres great Rick Martin died in a one-

car accident. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Martin, a member of the Sabres' famed French

Washington Capitals center Marcus Johansson, back left, and Washington Capitals right wing Mike Knuble (22) celebrates Knubles' game winning goal, next to Chicago Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford (50), and defenseman Chris Campoli (14), during overtime of an

NHL hockey game at the Verizon Center in Washington, on Sunday, March 13, 2011.

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Connection line.

Thomas Vanek and Paul Gaustad both had a goal and an assist, and Nathan Gerbe and Brad Boyes also scored for Buffalo, which moved into seventh place in the Eastern Conference, tying the idle New York Rangers.

Jason Spezza scored twice and had two assists for Ottawa. Colin Greening and Erik Karlsson also scored for the Senators. □



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# Australia, NZ through to World Cup quarters

SIMON HAYDON

AP Sports Writer

**NEW DELHI (AP)** — Australia and New Zealand swept aside the opposition at the World Cup on Sunday to secure spots in the quarterfinals, while India's skipper castigated his batsmen for playing to the gallery rather than for the country.

Australia hadn't played a full game for two weeks and it showed in a 60-run victory over Kenya. Michael Clarke hit 93, Brad Haddin 65 and Mike Hussey, called in as a late injury replacement, hit 54 in Bangalore as the reigning World Cup holder reached 324-6 without breaking into a sweat.

But in the field it was a different story as Australia's pace attack of Shaun Tait and Mitchell Johnson looked wayward and was punished by Tanmay Mishra, with 72 and Collins Obuya, who finished on 98 not out as Kenya scored 264-6, its highest of the tournament. Brett Lee was his usual accurate self, taking 1-26 from eight overs.

Better batting attacks will surely punish Australia's bowling unless it improves considerably. "There was a bit of rust on the team but you can't expect much more after 16 days without a game," said captain Ricky Ponting.

It was a similar story in Mumbai, where New Zealand's batsmen sprayed Canada's inexperienced bowling around the Wankhede Stadium, where the final will be played on April 2.

New Zealand reached 358-6, with Brendon McCullum scoring 101 and Ross Taylor following his century against Pakistan last Tuesday with an equally brutal 74.

Opener McCullum's well-timed century was his first in 22 World Cup matches, while stand-in skipper Taylor clobbered a bowling attack for the second successive match. James Franklin finished unbeaten on 31 from eight balls. Canada managed a creditable 261-9 for a 97-run defeat.

Many spectators and players agree the early stages of the cricket World Cup can be tedious, with one-sided games



Umpire Shavir Tarapore, center, signals for six after New Zealand batsman Ross Taylor, left, hit a six off the bowling of Canada's Harvir Baidwan, right, in the World Cup Cricket Group A match between New Zealand and Canada in Mumbai, India, Sunday, March 13, 2011.

Associated Press

offering little in the way of entertainment.

The 50-over form is struggling to compete with the popularity of Twenty20 cricket and the International Cricket Council will reduce the number of teams taking part in the next World Cup from 14 to

10, shortening the length of the competition and hopefully increasing the entertainment value.

India's captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni felt his players offered a little too much entertainment to the public during Saturday's defeat to South Af-

rica, accusing his batsmen of playing to the gallery.

"In the batting powerplay, it's important that you don't play for the crowd, but for your country," Dhoni said after South Africa's three-wicket victory.

India's top three batsmen

scored freely against South Africa, with Sachin Tendulkar getting 111, Virender Sehwag 73 and Gautam Gambhir 69. But the rest of the Indian team, thinking they could score just as easily, surrendered their wickets cheaply.

Only Dhoni batted sensibly and was not out at the end. India slumped from 267-1 to 296 all out.

"Spectators love to see fours and sixes, but when you lose two-three wickets, you need to change your approach. When you have 270-280 runs on the board, batsmen want to play big shots," said Dhoni. "You need to curb your thinking. Different people have different roles and responsibilities."

The country's press was even more critical. "The Choke is on India," The Times of India mocked in a reference to South Africa's reputation as being a team that chokes under pressure.

In Chittagong, Bangladesh, Netherlands captain Peter Borren said he'd like nothing more than to spoil a party being celebrated by 150 million people. □

## Tony Martin wins Paris-Nice



Tony Martin of Germany, center, celebrates on the podium after winning the Paris-Nice cycling race, ahead Andreas Kloeden of Germany, left, who finished second, and Bradley Wiggins of Britain, right, who came third, in Nice, France, Sunday, March 13, 2011.

Associated Press

**NICE, France (AP)** — Tony Martin of Germany overcame another rain-soaked and slippery stage to win the Paris-Nice race and claim the biggest victory of his promising career on Sunday. Martin won the prestigious

one-week 'Race to the Sun' by retaining the yellow jersey after Frenchman Thomas Voeckler won the eighth and final 124-kilometer stage with a solo effort.

Martin won ahead of fellow German and former Paris-

Nice champion Andreas Kloeden, who finished 36 seconds back in the overall standings. Bradley Wiggins of Britain was third, 41 seconds back.

"I'm so happy but I need some time to think about it," Martin said. "I'm just thrilled to win now. I was not sure about my win today because there were strong riders in front but everything ended fine."

It's a fantastic start to the season, which gives me confidence for the next races.

The 25-year-old Martin, a former track specialist, took the yellow jersey from Kloeden after winning Friday's time trial. Martin has often been compared to former Tour de France champion Jan Ullrich for his powerful style and is widely considered a potential Tour winner.

"For sure, my biggest goal this season is to have a good Tour de France," Martin said. "Hopefully I can do it, I think I'm ready for it."

Voeckler, who claimed his second stage win after taking Wednesday's fourth stage, made his decisive move less than 10 kilometers from the finish when he attacked in the descent of the Col d'Eze to drop his breakaway companion Diego Ulissi of Italy.

Voeckler crossed the finish line on the Promenade des Anglais 23 seconds ahead of Ulissi. Julien El Fares of France finished third, 1:06 back.

"It's more than satisfying, I'm really happy," said Voeckler, who first came to prominence when he wore the Tour de France's yellow jersey for nine days in 2004.

"I took many risks in the descent today." □

# Friend the pope? John Paul II gets Facebook page

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican will unveil the latest installment in its social media transformation next week — a Facebook page dedicated to the upcoming beatification of Pope John Paul II, officials said. The site, which will link to video highlights of John Paul's 27-year papacy, is designed to promote the May 1 beatification. But it may well continue beyond given the global and enduring interest in the late pontiff, Vatican officials told The Associated

Press. The Vatican's first attempt at an event-themed Facebook page — to promote Pope Benedict XVI's September trip to the United Kingdom — is still active six months later and updated near-daily with 10,000-15,000 regular fans checking in, said Monsignor Paul Tighe, the No. 2 in the Vatican's social communications office. "What we found is that Facebook doesn't just share information, it creates community," Tighe said in an interview Friday. "People begin talking to each other and sharing ideas." That inter-

activity — and the potential it brings to the church's evangelization mission — is behind the Vatican's new social media push, the culmination of which will be launched at Easter with a new Vatican information web portal whose contents are specifically designed to be tweeted, posted and blogged. The portal will serve as a one-stop-shop aggregator of news from the Vatican's various information sources: Vatican Radio, Vatican Television, the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, the Holy See's press office and Fides, the Vatican's missionary news agency, Tighe said. The Vatican's current website — [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) — will remain since that's more of a stable site with basic information about the Holy See, key Vatican documents and offices, and papal activities. The new site, rolled out first in English and Italian and then other languages, will be more news-based, bringing together onto one page the current disorganized web presence of



In this Dec. 18, 2009 file photo, Monsignor Paul Tighe from the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Social Communications talks to the Associated Press during an interview. Associated Press

## Users complain iPhone clock bungles time change

NEW YORK — Users of Apple's iPhone missed church and were late for yoga Sunday when their phones bungled the one-hour "spring forward" to daylight savings time that went into effect overnight Saturday. In the latest clock woe for Apple's chic iPhone, some users' phones fell back one hour instead of springing forward, making the time displayed on the iPhone two hours off. For all of their fancy features, these paragons of high-tech have had trouble telling time. A clock glitch prevented alarms from sounding on New Year's Day and the devices also struggled to adjust to the end of daylight savings time back in November.

The solution is simple: Shut down and restart the phone or switch the phone to "airplane mode" and then back. □

## Damages being paid in UK Twitter defamation case

LONDON (AP) — A British politician has agreed to pay damages for an inaccurate comment he made about a rival on his Twitter account. It appeared to be the first defamation case in Britain involving a comment made on Twitter.

To settle the case, Colin Elsbury has agreed to pay 3,000 pounds (\$4,825) in damages and to publish an apology on Twitter to his rival Eddie Talbot, according to a law firm that represented Talbot. Elsbury also will pay Talbot's legal fees. Elsbury claimed in a June 2009 tweet that Talbot had been removed from a polling station by police during a local election in Wales. Talbot's lawyer told a High Court in Wales that the tweet was untrue and defamatory, and left his client open to ridicule. Talbot was seeking election to the local council, but Elsbury won. □

## Website critical of Myanmar regime hacked

BANGKOK — A Thailand-based news website critical of Myanmar's military government says it has been hacked by unknown attackers who posted fake articles on it.

The Irrawaddy website is run by exiled Myanmar journalists. It said on its home page Sunday that it was trying to fix the problem and prevent further attacks.

The Irrawaddy's coverage of Myanmar has included exclusive photos of secret military missions to North Korea. It has been the target of several denial-of-service attacks that are meant to make the site unreachable.

The fake articles concerned an alleged feud between Irrawaddy's editor and pro-democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi, and the purported death of a popular singer. □

Vatican media. Designed thematically, with each format's take on, say, the Japan earthquake or the Libyan uprising posted together, it will be multimedia focused but specifically designed for social media use, so people can tweet, post and blog its contents onto their own friends and fans, Tighe said. "For us it will be a beginning of drawing on the riches of what we have, of our existing communications apparatus, and integrating that to ensure that it's formally working with new media," he said. The Vatican's communications and public relations woes are well known: muddled papal messages, flat-footed responses to crises like the sex abuse scandal and a certain lack of Internet savvy that allowed, to cite one egregious case, for the pope to lift the excommunication of a Holocaust-denying bishop. □

# Nokia gives CEO \$6.2M to offset lost Microsoft pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The executive hired to turn around mobile phone maker Nokia is getting \$6.2 million to make up for the paychecks he lost when he left Microsoft last fall. Nokia CEO Stephen Elop received a payment of about \$3.2 million last October, according to a filing Friday with U.S. regulators.

He is due to receive another \$3 million this October.

Elop also received about \$710,000 to cover money he had to repay Microsoft and another \$435,000 to reimburse him for legal fees related to his move from Microsoft.

Nokia, based in Finland, set Elop's first-year salary at 1.05 million euros (\$1.46 million) and gave him other long-term incentives that included 500,000 stock options.

Elop joined Nokia Corp. in



Stephen Elop CEO of Nokia, left, with CEO of Microsoft Steve Ballmer, speaking in London, as he announces the strategic partnership with Microsoft, Friday, Feb. 11, 2011.

Associated Press

September, ending a two-year stint at Microsoft Corp.

He announced last month that Nokia's phones will switch to an operating system made by Microsoft in an attempt to revive the phone maker's for-

tunes. Although it remains the world's leading mobile phone maker, Nokia has been losing market share to Apple Inc.'s iPhone and handsets relying on Google Inc.'s Android operating system. □

**BUSINESS BRIEFS****FM: eurozone crisis deal good for Germany**

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's foreign minister says an agreement on Europe's strategy to tackle its debt crisis is a good compromise that allows Berlin to keep control of its own purse strings. Eurozone leaders hammered out a deal early Saturday that involves a German-backed competitiveness pact but also boosting the powers of the region's bailout fund — a concession by Berlin.

Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said Sunday that the agreement is good for Germany because it will stabilize the euro, but "we Germans will also keep our hands on our own budget."

However, a lawmaker for the minister's Free Democrats, Frank Schaeffler, was quoted as criticizing the package. He told the Bild daily: "We wanted neither a qualitative nor a quantitative expansion of the rescue fund." □

**Lawson Software gets \$11.25 per share bid**

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) — Lawson Software says it's talking with two firms about their unsolicited offer to pay \$11.25 each for all of Lawson's shares.

The deal would value the company at more than \$1.8 billion. Lawson shares closed at \$11.55 on Friday following a report Tuesday that the company was exploring a sale. Shares closed Monday at \$9.88.

Lawson Software Inc. acknowledged the offer from business-software company Infor and private-equity firm Golden Gate Capital late Friday. The company, which makes software for businesses, says talks are continuing, but its board has not decided whether it wants to sell the firm. It also says that there is no guarantee that a deal will be made.

Lawson says it has hired Barclays Capital to help it evaluate the proposal, as well as other "strategic alternatives." □

YURI KAGEYAMA

AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Cars lie scattered at a port, a nearby oil plant spews clouds of smoke and shattered factories burn in northeastern Japan — signs of the dire hit the nation's economy is taking from a devastating earthquake and tsunami that has killed thousands.

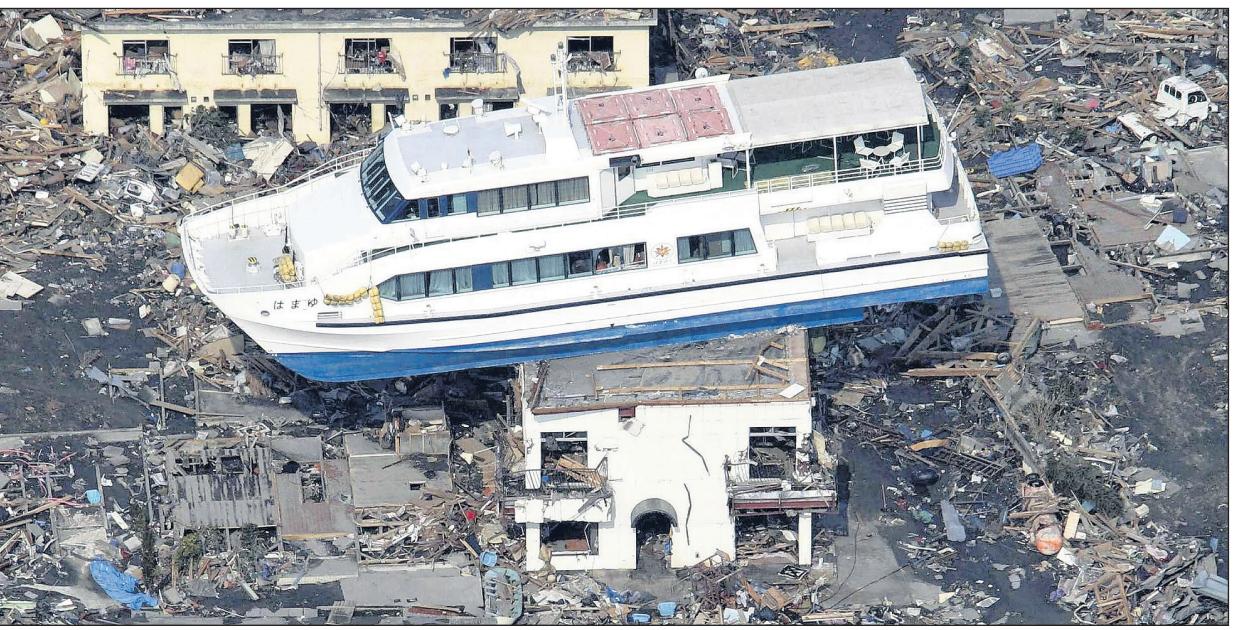
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state alone.

The destruction may be reflected in the Tokyo stock market on Monday, with some analysts predicting it will nosedive when trading starts. The Bank of Japan said it's ready to take action to support the economy and ensure there's enough cash in the financial system to keep it operating normally.

Japan's economy, which lost its place as world's No. 2 to China last year, was already in a fragile state. It has been ailing for 20 years, barely managing to eke out weak growth in-between slowdowns, saddled by a massive public debt, at 200 percent of gross domes-



A ferry stranded on a building is seen in Otsuchi, Iwate Prefecture, northern Japan, Sunday, March 13, 2011, two days after a powerful earthquake-triggered tsunami hit the country's east coast.

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**China says 3,001 arrested for product piracy**

In this Aug. 16, 2010 file photo, Chinese business administration officers cut fake luxury branded handbags during a mass elimination of counterfeit products in southwest China's Chongqing city.

Associated Press

en the new crackdown special prominence, publicly linking it to efforts to transform China from a low-cost factory to a creator of profitable technology by nurturing companies in software and other fields. China's fledgling software, music and other creative companies have been devastated by unlicensed copying.

"Intellectual property protection is essential for building an innovation-oriented country and achieving a shift from 'China manufactured' to 'China innovated,'" Li Chenggang, deputy director of the Commerce Ministry's law department, said at a news conference. He was joined by officials of China's commerce, intellectual property and other agencies.

Trade groups say illegal Chinese copying of music, designer clothing and other goods costs legitimate producers billions of dollars a year in lost potential sales. The American Chamber

of Commerce in China says 70 percent of its member companies consider Beijing's enforcement of patents, trademarks and copyrights ineffective.

Businesspeople have expressed optimism about the latest effort because a rising Communist Party star, Vice Premier Wang Qishan, has been put in charge and an enforcement office set up in the Commerce Ministry.

A report distributed at Sunday's news conference said that goods seized in the latest crackdown include 26,000 mobile phones, some with phony Nokia and Apple labels, copies of Louis Vuitton bags and Rolex watches, automotive components, DVDs and clothing.

It said authorities shut down 292 websites selling counterfeit and fake goods.

Also Sunday, the official Xinhua News Agency said 23 people accused of producing fake medicine were detained in the central city of Jingzhou in Hu-

bei province. It said they made more than 100 million capsules filled with sawdust and wheat flour and sold under the brand names of 201 different types of medication.

Xinhua said the medicines were sold by mail and over the Internet but gave no details of whether anyone was injured or which brand names were counterfeited.

Piracy is especially sensitive at

a time when Washington and other Western governments are trying to create jobs by boosting exports. In 2009, the World Trade Organization upheld a U.S. complaint that Beijing was violating trade commitments by failing to root out the problem.

Rampant copying also has hampered Beijing's efforts to attract technology industries because businesspeople say companies are reluctant to do high-level research in China or bring in advanced designs for fear of theft. □

**Kingdom, Batelco team on bid for Saudi Zain stake**

ADAM SCHRECK

AP Business Writer

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

(AP) — Kingdom Holding Co., the investment company headed by Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, and Bahrain's Batelco Group launched a joint bid Sunday for telecom Zain's Saudi operations.

The two suitors didn't say how much they were offering for the 25 percent stake, which they previously had pursued separately.

Those earlier offers were unsuccessful.

Kuwait-based Zain has been seeking a buyer for its Saudi division as part of a \$12 billion deal for the parent company from Etisalat, a state-run telecom headquartered in Abu Dhabi that has expanded rapidly beyond its home market



With the Sheik Zayed highway modern towers at the background, a car passes by in front of Talal supermarket at the old part of Al Wasl district in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Wednesday March 9, 2011.

Associated Press

in the United Arab Emirates. Zain owns a quarter of the Saudi division that bears its name. Another 45 percent is publicly traded, with the rest held by private shareholders. He described Batelco's role as a "technical partner" to KHC in pursuing the deal. □

**Japan quake, tsunami take dire toll on economy**

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**Rally in oil stocks means it's time to rebalance**

By DAVID K. RANDALL

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — You only have to drive past a gas station to know that crude oil prices are near two-year highs. That's not a pleasant

thing for the cost of your daily commute, but it has propped up the portfolio of anyone who bought energy stocks six months ago. It's a tempting thought: Why not buy the stocks of companies that are profiting from \$100-a-barrel oil? Energy companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 are up nearly 10 percent for the year, almost double the performance of the next best performer among the 10 groups that make up the index. But the more energy prices rise — and the more that energy stocks follow — the greater the chance of an economic slowdown that can squelch a market rally.

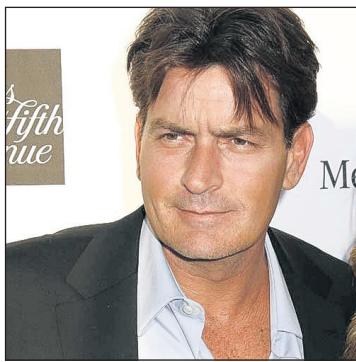
Just ask Gary Bradshaw. A Dallas-based fund manager with Hodges Mutual Funds, a company with \$415 million in assets under management, Bradshaw added to his holdings of Exxon Mobil in August when the stock was trading around \$60 per share.

It's since shot up to \$82. But Bradshaw isn't as happy as you would expect for someone with a 35 percent gain in six months. Energy companies are a good buy if you expect to hold them for three years or more, says John Canally, a market strategist at LPL Financial. But the jump in prices has pushed his team to lower their recommended holdings for stocks in general. "Higher energy prices can mean higher inflation," he says.

He recommends buying commodities like silver as a hedge. □

Proceeds going to Tsunami victims

## 'Charlie Sheen LIVE' tickets sold out in just 18 Minutes



Charlie Sheen

**LOS ANGELES, Calif.** -- Charlie Sheen's "winning" streak continues.

Tickets to the actor's upcoming "Charlie Sheen LIVE: My Violent Torpedo of Truth/Defeat is Not an Option" stage shows have sold out in record time. Charlie's April 2 and 3 shows, scheduled for Detroit and Chicago respectively, reportedly sold out in 18 minutes - a Ticketmaster record, according to TMZ.

The site also claims the former "Two and a Half Men" actor plans to add additional cities to his show schedule in the near future.

Charlie celebrated the ticket sell out with a Tweet, writing, "'Fastball; Detroit/Chicago sold out in minutes. Thanks to Sheen's Cadre!'

Additionally, it appears the actor may be looking to help others "win" with his earnings. Charlie posted a mes-

sage on his personal website vowing to donate \$1 from every ticket sold to the Red Cross to provide aid to the victims of the earthquake and resulting Tsunami in Japan. This is not the first time Charlie has revealed his own special brand of compassion toward the victims. On Friday he Tweeted, "Curveball; Warlock edict; pain & devastation in Japan demands us all to dig deep & LOVE THEM VIOLENTLY Dogspeed my cadres of the Far East! C"

As previously reported on AccessHollywood.com, Charlie's tour kicks off in Detroit on April 2 and continues in Chicago on April 3. Just two dates have been announced so far and tickets went on sale on Saturday.

"I'm going on the road. LIVE. Will there be surprises? Will there be guests? Will there be mayhem? Will you ask questions? Will you laugh? Will you scream? Will you know the truth? WILL THERE BE MORE?!?!" a description of the show reads on Ticketmaster's website. "This IS where you will hear the REAL story from the Warlock. Bring it. I dare you to keep up with me." Tickets, before service fees, ranged from \$35.00 to \$69.50. □

Disney's "Mars Needs

## In Nigeria

## Tradition meets modernity at fashion show

By YINKA IBUKUN

Associated Press

**LAGOS, Nigeria** — With theater, traditional fabric studded with precious stones and decorated motorcycle helmets, Africa's up-and-coming fashion designers put on a dazzling show in a three-day runway event that debuted Friday in an unconventional city.

Lagos, Nigeria's commercial megacity doesn't have a fashion district packed with big-name stores, and its tropical climate doesn't justify seasonal collections. That didn't stop organizers of the Arise Magazine Fashion Week from showcasing 50 new and established African designers some of whom have won critical ac-



claim in Paris and New York who fielded clothes ranging from business suits to dresses woven from raffia and silk. "Before now, we used to be part of a program that belonged to someone else," said Perry McDonald, managing editor of Arise Magazine.

At the box office

## 'Battle: Los Angeles' claims victory

**LOS ANGELES** — "Battle: Los Angeles" emerged victorious at the box office this weekend with an impressive \$36 million projected take across North America, preliminary industry figures showed Sunday.

The film about a Marine unit's fight against invading aliens generated strong interest among men, as well as with a sizable minority audience thanks to its multi-ethnic cast, which includes Latina actress Michelle Rodriguez and African-American R&B singer Ne-Yo. Knocked from the top perch to second place was Paramount's eccentric cartoon "Rango" an animated tale about a chameleon who becomes sheriff to clean up the town of Dirt, which had \$23 million in ticket sales.

Third place went to the debut of "Red Riding Hood," a gothic retelling of the classic fairy tale, starring Amanda Seyfried as a strong-willed teenager in a love triangle. The film, which earned \$14.1 million, meant to appeal to the teen girl audience, is the first from director Catherine Hardwicke since her 2008 megahit "Twilight."

In fourth place was "The Adjustment Bureau" with \$11.5 million in takings.

Disney's "Mars Needs



Bridget Moynahan

Moms!" debuted in fifth place this weekend with \$6.8 million in estimated sales.

Rounding out the top 10 were "Hall Pass" with \$5.1 million in ticket sales; "Beastly" with

\$5 million; "Just Go With It," with \$4 million; Oscar-winner "The King's Speech," with \$3.6 million dollars; and "Gnomeo and Juliet" with \$3.5 million. □

## O'Brien attends premiere of post-Tonight Show doc

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press

**AUSTIN, Texas** — Conan O'Brien attended the premiere Sunday of the documentary that captured the turmoil he faced in the days following his departure from the Tonight Show. But he did it grudgingly.

"I personally have trouble watching it because it's a time in my life that I don't like to go back to," O'Brien said from the red carpet, shortly before the South by Southwest film festival premiere of Conan O'Brien Can't Stop.

"I'm happy where I am now. I don't really need to go back to it. But I made a commitment" to director Rodman Flender. O'Brien allowed camera crews to follow him during the "Legally Prohibited From Being Funny on Television" tour, 32-city music-and-comedy show he embarked on last year following his unceremonious departure as the host of NBC's "Tonight Show."

It was a tumultuous time for the comedian, who said he didn't sleep much and lost 15 pounds.

"It's a swirly cone of crazy emotions," he said. "It was



Conan O'Brien

anxious, depressing but also euphoric and exciting. It was not just one emotion, it was a lot of emotion. I was confused but also really excited by new possibilities and I think you see almost every emotion in the movie.

You see pretty much everything."

Flender, the director who has been friends with Conan since they were classmates at Harvard in the 1980s, said he didn't want the film to be a career retrospective or a marketing tool.

"This seemed like Conan in a specific position and how he was going to handle that and it was happening right then and there," Flender said.

Conan has moved on with a new late-night talk show, "Conan" on TBS and says he had had even forgotten that the film was in the works. □



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## Koons sculpture could fetch \$30 million



Jeff Koons

By Chris Michaud

Associated Press

NEW YORK— Jeff Koons' iconic "Pink Panther" sculpture is hitting the auction block in May and could sell for as much as \$30 million, which would be a record for the artist, Sotheby's said on Friday.

The 1988 porcelain sculpture of a semi-naked blonde woman cuddling a large pink panther toy is the artist's proof from an edition of only three, according to the auction house.

The others are in the Museum

of Modern Art in New York, Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art and a private U.S. collection.

It is expected to be one of the highlights of Sotheby's contemporary art auction on May 10.

"Pink Panther" is one of the most outstanding achievements of Jeff Koons' illustrious career.

It is immediately identifiable as a masterpiece not only of the artist's historic canon, but also of the epoch of recent Contemporary Art," said Tobias Meyer, Sotheby's worldwide head of contemporary art about the vibrant pink-and-yellow work.

The record for a Koons is \$25.7 million, set when "Balloon Flower" was sold in June 2008 on the eve of the financial crisis that sent art market prices tumbling.

Lucian Freud holds the auction record for a work by a living artist, with \$33.6 million for "Benefits Supervisor Sleeping," also set in spring 2008.

Sotheby's said the work from Koons' "Banality" series combines his themes of materiality

and artificiality, eroticism and naivety, pop culture and rarified elitism.

Other pieces from the "Banality" series include "Michael Jackson and Bubbles," "Bear and Policeman" and "Ushering in Banality."

The pink panther character was first introduced during the credits of the 1963 Peter Sellers film of the same name, in which the actor played the bumbling Inspector Clouseau. The title refers to a pink diamond that figures in the plot. Later the lanky animated character was featured in a television show that became a staple in U.S. households with children, leading to widespread licensing for everything from toys to breakfast cereal.

The "Pink Panther" edition in private hands was bought at Christie's in 1999 for \$1.8 million, which at the time set an auction record for Koons. Sotheby's declined to identify the seller of the work, but published reports said it was German publisher and art collector Benedikt Taschen, known for oversized books on such figures as Muhammad Ali and Helmut Newton. □

## 'Legally Blonde' scoops 3 Laurence Olivier Awards

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON — Frothy, film-inspired funfest "Legally Blonde: The Musical" won three big prizes at London's Laurence Olivier theater awards Sunday, while Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Love Never Dies" went home empty-handed despite seven nominations. "Legally Blonde" was named best new musical at Britain's equivalent of Broadway's Tonys. Star Sheridan Smith was crowned best actress in a musical, and Jill Halfpenny took the prize for supporting performer in a musical.

The story of a California girl who proves her mettle at Harvard Law School based on the 2001 Reese Witherspoon movie received lukewarm reviews on Broadway and closed in October 2008 after 595 performances. But

London's often curmudgeonly critics greeted it as a burst of sunshine in the rainy West End when it opened here in January 2010.

Smith said its appeal was obvious.

"It's credit crunch, terrible weather, and all you want to do is have two and a half hours of escapism," she said.

Lloyd Webber's sequel to monster hit "Phantom of the Opera" had more nominations than any other show, but won nothing. The musical opened a year ago to mixed reviews, and recently announced a series of cast changes as it fights to match "Phantom's" success.

Productions from the state-subsidized National Theatre, Donmar Warehouse and Royal Court Theatre dominated the prizes just as deep government cuts are about to slash funding to the arts in Britain. □

## Legendary drummer Joe Morello dies at 82

By BRUCE SHIPKOWSKI

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Legendary jazz drummer Joe Morello, whose virtuosity and command of odd time signatures made him an integral part of the Dave Brubeck Quartet on such classic recordings as "Take Five" and "Blue Rondo a la Turk," has died at age 82. Family members said Morello died Saturday at his home in northern New Jersey. A cause of death was not immediately available.

Brubeck said the loss of his friend "came as a complete shock to me."

"Many people consider the rhythm section of (bassist)



Joe Morello

Eugene Wright and Joe Morello in my quartet as being one of the most consistent, swinging rhythm sections in jazz," Brubeck said in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press.

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### Growing number of cancer survivors



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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of cancer survivors is rapidly increasing as technology for early detection, public awareness and treatment options improve. The CDC released a report Friday indicating that a mere 3 million Americans were cancer survivors in 1971; in 2007, the last year for which data is available, that number

had increased to 11.7 million. That means there are almost as many cancer survivors in the United States as there are people in Illinois.

Increasing public awareness of cancer symptoms and the campaign to increase cancer screenings has helped to increase the number of survivors as have advances in cancer treatment. The majority of the cancer survivors alive when these numbers were developed had been treated for breast, prostate or colorectal cancers. Those three types of cancers accounted for more

than half the survivors.

The report also pointed out that nearly two-thirds of patients diagnosed with cancer had lived at least five years after their diagnosis. The CDCP advised in the report that physicians and other medical professionals should become accustomed to treating cancer survivors and should learn to recognize the special health needs of those patients.

"Public health and health-care professionals should understand the potential long-term needs of cancer survivors, engage in health promotion (e.g., urging cancer screening and smoking cessation), and ensure coordination of follow-up care for this growing population," the report said. This study excluded patients with in situ cancer and non-melanoma skin cancer in the developing of the statistics. Various types of cancer are considered more treatable than others and several, including breast cancer, are more often screened for, but the study indicates that on the whole, cancer is becoming more survivable. □



**Diabetes testing**

### Diabetics do better with kind doctors

A doctor's empathy can improve the care of diabetes patients and should be considered an important part of being a good doctor, according to a new study.

The study included 891 diabetes patients treated between July 2006 and June 2009 by 29 doctors at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. The researchers assessed the doctors' level of empathy for patients, while the quality of patient care was determined by an LDL ("bad") cholesterol test and a hemoglobin A1C test for blood glucose levels.

Patients whose doctors had high empathy scores were more likely to have good control of their blood sugar and low LDL cholesterol levels than patients whose doctors had low empathy scores.

The results indicate that empathy on the part of doctors can contribute to patient satisfaction, trust and compliance with therapy. "Our results show that physicians with high empathy scores had better clinical outcomes than other physicians with lower scores," study author Mohammadreza Hojat, research professor of psychiatry and human behavior at Jefferson Medical College, said in a university news release. □

### Anti-AIDS drugs slow deaths in S. Africa

CAPE TOWN — South Africa's AIDS deaths have fallen by nearly 25 percent due to scaled up access to life-saving drugs, which the government for years had refused to provide, new research has shown. "The rapid expansion of South Africa's anti-retroviral program appears to have slowed down the AIDS mortality rate in recent years," said the Actuarial Society of South Africa (ASSA) in a statement.

The society's model, released this week, estimates that AIDS deaths fell from 257,000 six years ago to 194,000 last year. In 2003, before the AIDS drug

roll-out, the group had projected an increase to 388,000 deaths in 2010, it said.

Their latest research estimates 10.9 percent of South Africans 5.5 million people were HIV positive last year.

From 2005 to 2010, infections among 15 to 24 year olds dropped 1.5 percent, but rose among 15 to 49 year olds by 0.6 percent, partly due to adults living longer due to anti-AIDS drugs.

The model does not include new prevention efforts, such as male circumcision shown to reduce female-to-male infection by 60 percent, and the



**Aids in S. Africa**

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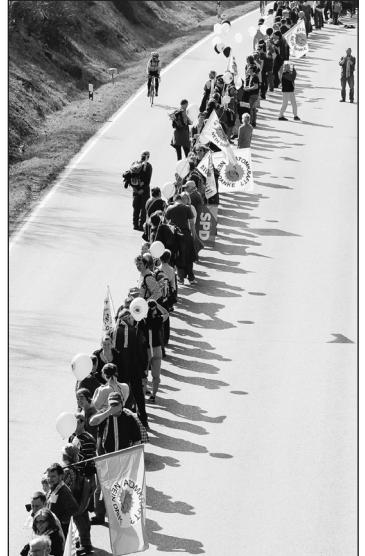
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# German nuclear dispute sharpened by Japan mishap



German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks during a joint news conference with Vice Chancellor Guido Westerwelle in Berlin, Germany, Saturday, March 12, 2011.

Associated Press



Participants of an anti nuclear demonstration form a human chain in Neckarwestheim, southern Germany Saturday March 12, 2011.

Associated Press

GEIR MOULSON

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Thousands of people have demonstrated against plans to extend the life of Germany's nuclear power stations, as an explosion at a Japanese nuclear power plant sharpened a long-running dispute over the technology's future in this country.

Chancellor Angela Merkel said that Germany would examine whether it needs to draw lessons from Japan for its own plants and that officials would be asked to check safety at German nuclear power stations. However, she stressed that the

country's standards are high. At Saturday's protest in southwestern Germany, demonstrators formed a human chain between the Neckarwestheim nuclear plant and the city of Stuttgart, which are 28 miles apart. Some waved yellow flags with the slogan "Nuclear power — no thanks." Police said several tens of thousands attended; organizers put the number at 60,000.

The demonstration was planned long before the post-earthquake blast at Japan's Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, but the fears of possible disaster gave an added focus to opponents of the technology in Germany.

Germany's government last year moved to extend the life of its 17 nuclear plants for an average 12 extra years. A decade ago, a previous government decided to shut them by 2021.

While Germany — unlike some of its European Union partners — has no plans to build any new plants, the extension was divisive.

The mishap in Japan came two weeks before a closely fought state election in the region where Saturday's protest was held. It prompted new opposition criticism. Events at Fukushima "show that, even in a high-tech

country like Japan that is equipped for all eventualities, nuclear power is an uncontrollable, highly dangerous, risky technology," the leadership of the opposition Greens said in a statement. Matthias Miersch, a lawmaker with the main opposition Social Democrats, urged the government to scrap immediately the decision to extend German nuclear plants' lives.

After discussing the aftermath of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami with key ministers, Merkel said she understood people who worried whether a nuclear plant at home could get into similar difficulties.

"We know how safe our nuclear power plants are; we know that we are threatened neither by such severe earthquakes nor such massive flood waves," Merkel said. "All the same — what we can learn from events in Japan, we will learn."

She added that, given that the problems in Japan arose despite very high safety standards, "then the whole world ... cannot simply go back to business as usual."

Nuclear energy has been unpopular in Germany since an explosion at a nuclear reactor at Chernobyl, Ukraine, in 1986, sent a cloud of radia-

tion over much of Europe. But Merkel insists Germany needs to keep it until it has developed more renewable power sources. "I believe the peaceful use of nuclear energy as a bridging technology is responsible and justifiable," she said Saturday. Merkel and Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle pushed aside questions about any effects on the government's future nuclear policy.

With thousands likely dead or missing in Japan, "Germany's first answer can't be that ... a political argument breaks out here because there are state election campaigns going on," Westerwelle said.

Merkel's center-right coalition faces a tight battle to keep control of the regional government in Baden-Wuerttemberg on March 27, and two other votes also are looming.

In Italy, where voters rejected nuclear power in a 1987 referendum, the Japanese accident fed opposition to the current government's plans to build nuclear reactors to reduce dependence on energy imports.

An opposition leader, Antonio Di Pietro, called for a new referendum. Greens leader Angelo Bonelli said Japan's emergency should prompt another look at whether nuclear power is safe. □

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# Chávez dice que EEUU y sus aliados preparan guerra en Libia

**CARACAS (AP)** - El presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez advirtió el viernes que sería una locura que Estados Unidos y sus aliados de la OTAN decidan ir a la guerra en Libia para tratar de derrocar a Moamar Gadafi.

Chávez, amigo y aliado de Gadafi, critico al presidente estadounidense Barack Obama por expresar su solidaridad con los rebeldes libios y afirmó que "en estos momentos ellos están preparando esta guerra, los yanquis con sus aliados de la OTAN". En un discurso televisado el gobernante venezolano

predijo que una guerra más amplia en Libia podría impulsar los precios mundiales del petróleo a 200 dólares el barril, y se hizo eco de las advertencias de Gadafi de que una intervención militar extranjera desencadenaría un mayor derramamiento de sangre.

"Si los yanquis cometan la locura de invadir Libia, ya Gadafi lo dijo hace algunos días, sería un nuevo Vietnam", indicó Chávez.

El presidente venezolano ha propuesto la formación de una "comisión humanitaria" que se desplace a Libia para buscar una solución pacífica al

conflicto. Su postura ha sido compartida por sus aliados latinoamericanos, entre ellos Cuba, Ecuador y Bolivia.

Sin embargo, otros países han rechazado la idea de mediación del líder venezolano, y los rebeldes en Libia no han expresado su disposición a negociar, mientras Gadafi permanezca en el poder.

Obama dijo el viernes en Washington que Estados Unidos y la comunidad internacional "poco a poco va estrechando el cerco" sobre Gadafi.

No está claro que otros próximos pasos Obama podría es-

tar dispuesto a tomar, pero dijo que estaba considerando todas las opciones, incluidos los esfuerzos militares con sus socios de la OTAN.

"Hoy vi a Obama, el premio Nobel de la paz, diciendo que esta preocupado por el precio del petróleo", manifestó

Chávez. Chávez ha acusado a los Estados Unidos de maniobrar para hacerse con el control del petróleo de Libia.

El mandatario venezolano dijo que cree que los eventos en Libia están siendo distorsionados para sentar las bases para un conflicto, y la comparó con la situación que

vivió en Venezuela en el 2002 cuando sobrevivió a un fallido golpe de Estado.

"El imperio yanqui dentro de su desespero sigue y seguirá amenazando a los pueblos que luchan por su dignidad.. y conspirando contra gobiernos", comentó.

Chávez expresó que su propuesta de un esfuerzo de paz se instrumentaría "respetando la autodeterminación y libertad de Libia que es un pueblo hermano".

En cuanto al conflicto existente en Libia, Chávez resaltó: "Eso es un asunto que deben solucionar los libios". □

## El Salvador: Piden reforma migratoria a Obama

**SAN SALVADOR (AP)** - El arzobispo José Luis Alas pidió el domingo que el presidente estadounidense Barack Obama se comprometa con la aprobación de una reforma migratoria durante su visita de la próxima semana a El Salvador.

"Como iglesia lo que principalmente quisiéramos pedirle al señor presidente de Estados Unidos es su esfuerzo, su buena voluntad, sus mejores oficios para que la reforma integral migratoria tenga lugar en su periodo presidencial", dijo monseñor Alas en rueda de prensa.

El mandatario estadounidense tiene programado visitar El Salvador el 22 y 23 de marzo, en el marco de una gira que incluirá a Chile y Brasil.

"Sabemos que no depende totalmente de él, pero quisiéramos una palabra de compromiso, una palabra que de alguna forma dé esperanza", señaló Alas.

El arzobispo dijo que para El Salvador "es muy importante (una reforma), porque vemos el sufrimiento de nuestros connacionales y nos parece muy injusto, que hayan esas leyes que criminalizan a la persona inocente".

El presidente Mauricio Funes ha reiterado que en el encuentro con Obama pedirá la residencia permanente para los salvadoreños amparados en el programa temporal migratorio conocido como TPS, que permite a unos 217.000 salvadoreños residir y trabajar legalmente en ese país.

El beneficio fue otorgado en el 2001 y una nueva prórroga de 18 meses concluirá el 9 de marzo del 2012. Otros temas a abordar serán: seguridad, comercio, energía renovable y lucha contra la pobreza.

Será la segunda ocasión que Obama y Funes se reúnen después de un encuentro en marzo de 2010 en la Casa Blanca y al menos la séptima visita de un presidente estadounidense en los últimos 100 años a este país centroamericano. Las más recientes fueron las de los presidentes Bill Clinton en 1999 y George W. Bush en 2002. □

## Perú: Ciclistas desnudos piden protección para circular



Un grupo de ciclistas levantan sus bicicletas durante una manifestación para exigir medidas que los protegan en medio del tráfico de la ciudad en Lima, Perú, el sábado 12 de marzo del 2011.

(AP Foto/Karel Navarro)

**LIMA (AP)** - Un centenar de ciclistas se manifestaron el sábado desnudos y con los cuerpos pintados por la principal avenida de Lima para exigir condiciones de seguridad para transportarse en bicicleta por la ciudad. Pedimos "respeto al ciclista por parte de los automovilistas y exigimos una ciudad que otorgue las condiciones

adecuadas para realizar el transporte en bicicleta", dijo a APTN Octavio Zegarra, organizador de la protesta.

En Lima, donde vive un tercio de los peruanos, las pocas ciclovías son invadidas por peatones y automovilistas.

Algunos ciclistas han sido atropellados por automovilistas, pero la policía no posee estadísticas al respecto.

En la mitad de su recorrido alrededor de 20 ciclistas se desnudaron completamente y concluyeron su manifestación de forma pacífica, aunque bajo vigilancia de la policía.

Los accidentes de tránsito en Perú han ocasionado 19.225 muertes y han causado 249.512 heridos entre 2005 y el primer trimestre de 2011. □

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